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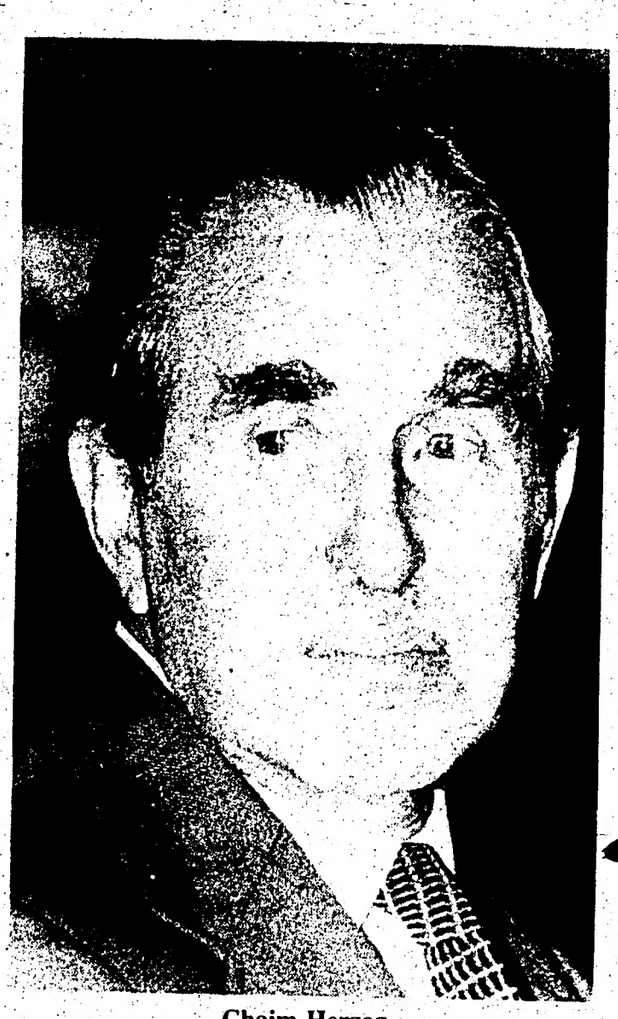
Herzog wins points for Israel in U.S.

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — President Chaim Herzog, during his visit to Washington last week, delivered five major speeches. According to his aides, he personally prepared each of them. Indeed, a week before coming on this first-ever state visit to the U.S. by an Israeli President, he had spent part of his free time in Denmark on yet another state visit drafting his speeches for Washington.

The effort paid off. The weather may have been awful as Washington struggled through a heavy rain that turned into an unexpected snowstorm. But the President, who speaks English with a charming Irish accent, was by all accounts a hit in the U.S. capital. Articulate and intelligent, he managed to get his basic messages across to the various American audiences. He exuded the proper presidential dignity, yet at the right lighter moments of his stay he showed himself to be witty. In the process, he scored points for Israel.

Thus, he was succinct and to the point during his formal remarks at the White House arrival ceremony on Nov. 10, and later at the state dinner hosted by President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy. There seemed to be an easy comfortable connection between the two Presidents.



Chaim Herzog

At a state department luncheon hosted by Secretary George Shultz, Herzog spoke at length and in great detail about Israel's problems and its accomplishments. That was clearly the most substantive speech of his Washington stay, although his address later that afternoon before a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives also contained a considerable amount of meaty material. Herzog's 23-minute speech on Capitol Hill, which received sustained applause and a standing ovation, was nationally broadcast over the C-Span cable television network.

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New Hadassah-WIZO president

Naomi Frankenburg wins

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — History was made at the 32nd biennial convention of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO when Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver was elected national president of the 17,000-member organization.

She is the first presidential nominee in the 70-year history of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO who was challenged for the top position.

In a closed ballot election, Frankenburg defeated Terry Rosenberg of Winnipeg, an honorary vice-president and Hadassah-WIZO member for 37 years. Frankenburg succeeds Cecily Peters of Toronto, who has been president for four years.

Elections were also held for six vice-presidential seats contested by seven women. Sophie Kettner of Calgary, who was not on the official slate, was voted in, edging out Barbara Paton of Halifax, one of the official nominees.

Although formal campaigning was limited to a 5-minute address by each of the presidential candidates, interest in the elections was high, with both Vancouver and Winnipeg sending approximately 70 delegates each. Virtually all eligible delegates cast ballots, which were tallied by an outside professional firm.

Over 700 women participated in the convention at the Sheraton Centre, but only the 483 delegates could vote.

Naomi Frankenburg, Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's new president. (Howard Kay photo)

Frankenburg, a national vice-president and liaison for the membership and leadership department, said her first objective is to actively involve every Hadassah-WIZO member in the organization's work.

"We are a membership organization from one end of the country to the other. Everything should be done as a team," she said.

Frankenburg offered "no extravagant promises" or "grand visions." Rather, she pledged to practice what she had learned as the mother of five: how to delegate, listen, make executive decisions and compromise.

She oversaw Blueprint 1001, a 2-year cross-country membership drive conducted with minimal expense, which resulted in the enrolment of 705 new members and the reactivation of another 700 expired memberships.

In her written report, she recommends that "in order to attract more new members and to involve the members we already have and to acquire continued top quality leadership, the organization must continue to work on maintaining and enhancing its public image."

Born in London, England in 1926, Frankenburg attended University College of London University on a scholarship. She and her businessman husband Dennis emigrated to Vancouver in 1959. Two of their children are Israeli citizens and serve in the Israel Defence Forces. They have 11 grandchildren.

Frankenburg claims "adequate" written and spoken Hebrew and spoke a few words in that language, as well as French, in her acceptance speech.

Frankenburg has climbed the ranks of Hadassah-WIZO over the past 20 years from her first position of responsibility — bazaar chairman for her Shalom Chapter.

She says she is dedicated to Hadassah-WIZO because of "the work we do and the people who do it. I have been to a lot of communities and have been impressed by members' variety, creativity and intelligence."

Frankenburg said it is "a great tribute to Hadassah-WIZO that so many people want to be its officers" and that she is pleased she was fairly elected and not "anointed" president.

She will serve a 3-year term, as conventions are henceforth to be held every three years instead of two.

A leader of the Vancouver Jewish community as well, Frankenburg has served as president of the city's Jewish Community Fund and Council (forerunner of the Federation) and of the only day school, the Talmud Torah, the first woman in that post. She has also been Pacific Region vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress and British Columbia representative to the Canada-Israel Committee national board.

She was founder and chairman of the Jewish Parliamentary Affairs Committee and of the Vancouver Jewish Community High School.

A polished and confident speaker, Frankenburg frequently appears on television and radio in BC as a spokesman for the Jewish community and Israel. She was a delegate to the United Nations End of Decade women's conference in Nairobi in 1985.

She is only the third

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Arab summit viewed as victory for Hussein

By GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The 3-day Arab summit meeting last week in Amman ended in a clearcut political victory for its host, King Hussein of Jordan.

The Hashemite monarch, who has never been accused of audacity in expressing moderate views among his peers, this time placed on the table his plans for an international peace conference as an instrument for negotiations with Israel.

And he won endorsement for it, even the grudging approval of President Hafez Assad of Syria, long a bitter foe of any approach to peace with Israel and until recently one of Hussein's severest critics.

The king was able to claim at the end of the summit that it had brought to the Arabs unity of "word, stand and goal." Indeed, the participants exhibited a skill rare in inter-Arab diplomacy of burying, or at least white-washing, their traditional differences.

Even such arch-enemies as Assad and President Saddam Hussein of Iraq exchanged smiles. (See Mideast Analysis, page 8.)

Observers may have wondered beforehand why Hussein, ruler of a desert kingdom with serious economic difficulties, took the risk of holding a summit that may have been a dismal failure, and of raising such delicate issues as an international peace conference.

Had the gambit failed, his ability for diplomatic maneuvering would have been greatly restricted. The answer apparently lies in the timing.

The participants at the summit — not all Arab countries attended — were clearly far more concerned with the immediate dangers posed by Iran in its 8-year war with Iraq than with their conflict with Israel, which has been simmering for 40 years.

The summit endorsed Hussein's basic line of policy — total backing of Iraq in the Persian Gulf war. The move represents a sharp reversal of position by Assad who, with Col. Moammar Gadhafi of Libya, is the only Arab leader to have supported the regime of the Ayatollah Khomeini.

Dutifully assented

Assad dutifully assented in the condemnation of Iran.

In that context, the international peace conference was a far less urgent matter. The Israel government remains sharply divided on the issue. Moreover, Hussein was forced to agree that the Palestine Liberation Organization must participate, which makes the prospects of a conference even more remote.

But there was no mention of a Palestinian state in any of the resolutions adopted at the summit, a score in Hussein's favor.

Nevertheless, a Damascus radio commentary said the summit conference did not obscure, at least for Syria, "the real problem of the Arab world — facing the Israeli enemy."

On the other hand, the success of the summit, from Israel's point of view, was underlined by the fact that it was condemned by only two countries — Iran and Libya — and that it resulted in a significant rehabilitation of Egypt in the Arab world, without in the least compromising Israeli-Egyptian diplomatic relations.

Egypt did not attend the Amman summit, but had good reason to be satisfied with its outcome. Officially, Egypt has been boycotted by the Arab League since it signed its peace treaty with Israel in March 1979.

Five Arab countries reestablished diplomatic relations with Egypt — Iraq, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain and Abu Dhabi.

Saudi Arabia is expected to follow suit in the next few weeks.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Hussein came out of the summit strengthened since the other Arab countries did not slam the peace door in his face. Premier Yitzhak Shamir was concerned, however, over summit resolutions that called for joint action against Israel.

Israeli-Spanish pact to aid tourism industry

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Tourism history was made in Jerusalem recently with the signing of an agreement between Spain and Israel which centres on joint promotional activities.

Spain's tourism minister Abel Ramon Caballero Alvarez disclosed at a press conference prior to the signing ceremony that this was the first bilateral agreement of its kind that Spain had reached with any country.

Caballero, who is also his country's minister of transport and communications, said that 8% of Spain's economy is based on tourism. Each year, an estimated 50 million tourists visit Spain.

Israel and Spain will conduct joint promotional activities in the United States and Latin America. Spain is particularly keen to attract the North American market, because on average North American tourists are much bigger spenders than tourists from other countries.

Although tourism to Israel is less than 1/25th of the tourist traffic flow to Spain, earnings per capita are much higher, due to the comparatively high ratio of American visitors to Israel.

Confident that the agreement will strengthen the relationship between Spain and Israel, Caballero said "we have great expectations."

Israel tourism minister Avraham Sharir, who will pay a reciprocal visit to Spain, emphasized the significance of the agreement in smoothing over the scars of ancient wounds, and said that it was an important new chapter in people-to-people relations between Israel and Spain.

World-National

Reviewer fails to see difference

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Some weeks ago I wrote my impressions of a "must" film. Entitled *The Wannsee Conference*, it is a dramatized documentary of the fateful meeting of a few top Nazis who gathered on Jan. 20, 1942 to plan the proposed total extermination of the Jews, a project called in their covered jargon "the final solution."

Rabbi Plaut

The film, I wrote, was unforgettable in its factual, unemotional presentation: the banter of the participants, the hidden personal byplays, the amorous asides, the jogging for power,and above all the casualness with which these men discussed the most gruesome project ever conceived by the human mind. Needless to say, there was good food and plenty to drink.

I was therefore interested to read a review of this film in a German language newspaper, Toronto. The reporter is Sybille Forster-Rentmeister who begins by saying that the whole subject matter would have been simply unbelievable were it not so amply documented. The casualness of the conversations could make one believe that not human lives "but the disposal of surplus building materials were at stake." She also observed the radical shift in the mood of the audience. At the beginning there were the usual animated conversations, but when the film concluded there was deathly silence. An impressive evening, by all accounts.

Deflect remembrance to palatable subjects

But there is more to her comments. She reports her own feelings as well, and they are a good deal more complicated. She is tired of the emphasis on the Shoah as a unique event; she too, as a German born in 1945, feels victimized. Jews, she writes, have a tendency to look at what happened as singular, while she and many of her generation look at it "as only one of many excesses in a long line of human aberrations."

When it comes to the nitty-gritty, she considers this kind of show as doing more damage than good, and as a German she feels on the spot — and this despite the fact that the docu-drama was produced in Germany by Germans, and was subvented by public money. Instead of focusing on Jews, she would like to see universal ethical values discussed — in other words, matters which deflect the remembrance of things past to the level of more palatable subjects.

States what others would like to say

And there's the rub. She is honest in her reactions and expresses what doubtlessly many others feel but rarely say: that the Shoah does not let the conscience rest. She does not suggest what one ought to do with war criminals, because in her view these men and women were dubbed as such primarily because they belonged to the losing side. "I know that such events cannot be simply overlooked, but I must emphasize that we (Germans) as a people were also victims and still are."

She and others like her cannot see the difference. The Shoah was not merely the killing of many human beings; it was more than searching for Lebensraum or the excess of war. It was the coolly planned extermination of a people for only one reason: that they were Jews. Men, women and children had to die without individual guilt because of an irrational ideology executed by 14 ordinary technocrats who were banal human beings of an otherwise "normal" sort.

Ms. Forster-Rentmeister does not see it that way, and that precisely is the reason why *The Wannsee Conference* is so important.

Couldn't fool Diaspora fund raisers

Labor displays its self-delusion

By
CHARLES HOFFMAN

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Israeli political parties involved in the current scramble for power in the World Zionist Organization (WZO) and Jewish Agency have shown a remarkable capacity for self-delusion where the behavior of their partners, the Diaspora fund raisers, is concerned.

Someone came up with the brilliant idea several months ago in Israel's Labor Party that they could pull a fast one on the Diaspora fund raisers, who, together with the WZO, run the Agency.

The heads of Labor were well aware that there was widespread opposition among the fund raisers to the candidacy of Labor stalwart Akiva Lewinsky, currently treasurer of the WZO/Jewish Agency, for the post of chairman.

This opposition had been expressed informally for many months prior to Lewinsky's election by the Labor Party central committee in July as its candidate for chairman.

The heads of the Labor Party conveniently overlooked the fact that their Diaspora partners have the right to review and veto candidates put up by the WZO for top Agency posts.

This right to hold a process of "advice and consent" on the candidates was granted by the Israeli political establishment as part of the 1971 agreement to reorganize the Agency.

Incidentally, the right is reciprocal and gives the WZO the right to veto unacceptable Diaspora candidates for the post of chairman of the board of governors.

The clever strategists of Labor thought that once Lewinsky had been anointed by the central committee, the fund raisers would meekly accept him, just as they have swallowed other unsavory ploys by their Israeli partners over the years. This was Labor's first mistake, and it was a big one.

The Labor leaders who foisted this strategy on their party must not have been aware of the greater sophistication, militancy and activism in Agency affairs that have emerged in the fund raising community over the past several years.

If they were aware, they must have chosen to cling to the illusion that they were immune to it. A demonstration of the fund raisers' new-found militancy was provided in February when they gave WZO/Agency chairman Arye Dulzin a thrashing for his role in the Bank Leumi scandals and forced him to promise to resign after his current term.

But politicians seem to have very short memories, so Labor neglected to submit Lewinsky's name to a process of advice and consent before his nomination.

This strategy blew up in Labor's face last month when the fund raisers formally vetoed Lewinsky's candidacy. But Labor's capacity for self-delusion again went into high gear, as it cast about for all sorts of reasons to believe that it hadn't really happened.

One theory that Labor tried to peddle to the press was that U.S. leader Jerrold Hoffberger, who presided over the meeting that turned thumbs down on Lewinsky, was the villain.

Hoffberger, who had stepped down as chairman of the Agency board of governors, was known to be opposed to Lewinsky's candidacy. Indeed, he managed to prolong his term by several months just so he could deliver the coup de grace to Lewinsky.

Apologists, desperate to salvage the Labor strategy, said that once Hoffberger was gone, the way would be clear for a re-evaluation of Lewinsky's candidacy by the fund raisers, this time on more favorable terms.

Hoffberger was seen as the main source of opposition to Lewinsky, and was portrayed as a sort of Don Corleone of the fund raising world who had forced his colleagues to go along with him — or else.

Again, Labor chose to view the fund raising leaders as a weak, passive lot without minds of their own who were incapable of independently arriving at, and sticking to, a decision.

What is more, Labor was unaware that the fund raisers from the larger North American communities had come with orders from their colleagues at home that Lewinsky must go. So in this sense, they represented a broad consensus on the issue.

The new chairman of the board of governors, Mendel Kaplan, helped clear the air when he told Lewinsky himself and Labor leader Shimon Peres in no uncertain terms that there was no way the fund raisers would or should change their decision.

Labor had misread Kaplan, too, in the days following the vote against Lewinsky, and were reading into his public remarks all sorts of reasons as to why he would help them get out of this mess of their own making. This speculation also turned out to be nonsense.

Labor's capacity for self-delusion is all the more remarkable because it had appeared to be closer to the fund raisers than the Likud and because it had repeatedly endorsed the principle of partnership upon which the Agency is based.

It is in this light, then, that Labor should consider the likely consequences of pursuing a course that involves shoving an unpopular Lewinsky down the throats of an unwilling fund raising community.

If Labor manages to get its coalitionary act together for the Zionist Congress in December, then it will have the votes to do this, by electing Lewinsky as chairman of the WZO. Labor would then be forcing a destructive showdown with the fund raisers that could eventually destroy the Agency.

There are some who would argue that this would not be a bad idea, but apparently this is not Labor's intention.

It will suffice to quote no less an authority than Lewinsky himself in order to point out some of the destructive consequences of electing him as chairman under the present conditions.

In recent months, Lewinsky has on several occasions expressed the concern — perhaps nightmare would be more accurate — that if the American fund raisers become increasingly alienated from the Agency, they will take their money out of the Agency and put it into an organization like the Joint Distribution Committee.

In this case, they would still be spending a good portion of their philanthropic dollars in Israel, but they would be doing it through an organization which is controlled entirely by its American board of directors.

Then the fund raisers would not have to worry about advice and consent and all the other headaches that they have suffered over the years in their partnership with the WZO.

The Joint Distribution Committee already gets a small slice of what North American Jews raise for Israel, and there is no reason why it could not get a much larger share. This could happen within a few years, and the vast majority of the donors would not even know the difference. They would still be giving their money "to Israel."

Anti-Lewinsky move gains

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The possibility of the Labor Party dropping Akiva Lewinsky as its candidate for the chairmanship of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency Executive appears to be gaining momentum.

Although Lewinsky's election had been considered virtually assured, he ran into opposition last month from a powerful group of 12 Diaspora Jewish fund raisers (CJN Nov. 5).

According to power-sharing rules between the Jewish Agency and the WZO, the outcome of the congress elections is subject to the "advice and consent" of the Jewish Agency board of governors. The board could veto Lewinsky if he were elected at the World Zionist Congress here in December. Diaspora leaders and Zionists each comprise half of the 74-member board.

Although the Labor Party executive reiterated its commitment to Lewinsky last week, reendorsing the earlier unanimous nomination by the party's central committee, a group of Labor Zionist delegates to the congress is now urging the party to rethink its support.

Dinitz, Gur seen as new candidates

This is the first public articulation within the party that Lewinsky, who served as Jewish Agency-WZO treasurer for the past nine years, will have to be dropped.

Informed political sources say Labor Party leader Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, privately expects Lewinsky to bow out. Should he do so, Labor would be expected to nominate either Simcha Dinitz, a former ambassador to the United States, or Mordechai Gur, a former Israel Defence Forces chief of staff and former cabinet minister.

Dissident Labor delegates, led by Jerusalem-area activist Yehezkel Shopps, stressed at a meeting last week that they had nothing personal against Lewinsky. But they felt a "golden opportunity" may be wasted if the party continues to support his candidacy.

This was a reference to an arrangement the Labor Party made with several Diaspora Zionist factions. In return for support for Labor's candidate, the office of WZO treasurer would go to Avraham Avihai, a Canadian-born Israeli who is the choice of the Confederation of United Zionists, a coalition of Zionist organizations of which Hadassah is the largest component.

Other top portfolios were to go to the Association of Reform Zionists of America and to Mercaz, the Conservative Zionist organization.

Labor's rival, Likud-Herut, would thereby be excluded from the most important WZO posts.

The dissidents also complained that the Labor Zionist movement, headed by former Knesset member Yehiel Leket, had misled the Israeli party as to the strength of the Diaspora fund raisers' opposition to Lewinsky.

Whoever goes to the congress as the Labor candidate for chairman may face a Likud challenge. Although that party has not yet nominated anyone, Likud-Liberal Gideon Patt, the minister of science and technology, is expected to enter the race. He flew to the United States last week, apparently to lobby for support among American delegates.

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Amal's Man of the Year reflects on his life

Weiner honored for service to community

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Even after "what has been by any standard one tough year and a half," federal Minister of State for Immigration Gerry Weiner says he still feels "thrilled each and every day" to be in his Cabinet post.

Weiner reflected on his life and career at a dinner honoring him as Man of the Year, sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Amal.

Over 300 people attended the affair at the Bonaventure Hilton Hotel, among them Weiner's old classmate from Baron Byng High School, Quebec Justice Minister Herbert Marx, and Laurier Member of Parliament David Berger — both Liberals.

Describing himself as a watchmaker's son from St. Urbain St., Weiner said growing up in humble circumstances in an immigrant district was a good education for public life.

"I wasn't born into politics. I did not pursue a career in school or afterwards to lead me into public life. But neither did I spend those years growing up around St. Urbain and St. Lawrence without learning something about self-reliance and responsibility, about work and bettering myself, about helping others and about life.

"And I wouldn't trade that for a closet full of political science degrees, no matter how often the critics tell me I put my foot in my mouth or that I should've done something differently," said the former pharmacist.

Weiner was honored by the Canadian Friends of Amal for his "dedication and service to youth, employment and education for the community at large." The organization will name a library in his honor at Amal's Max Raymond industrial school in Ben-Ami, near Ben-Gurion airport. Raymond is the late treasurer of the Friends.

Minister of State for Immigration Gerry Weiner (second from left) is honored by Canadian Friends of Amal. With him are (from left) Nancy Bloomfield and Harry Bloomfield, Friends president: Evelyn Bloomfield Schachter and Raphael Schachter, dinner chairman; and Judy Weiner. [Howard Kay photo]

Canadian Friends president Harry Bloomfield said Weiner was a man the Jewish community can take pride in and looks upon as "their minister."

Weiner paid tribute to Canada as "a country where anything is possible...I am here today not in spite of my origins, but because of them...(This is) the kind of country which not only permits but actually asks a Gerry Weiner to get involved."

Weiner entered politics in 1978, as a Dollard des Ormeaux city councillor, at the urging of friends and neighbors. He was flattered, of course, but feels the real reason he first ran for elected office was rooted in his St. Urbain St. childhood and its lesson of self-help.

"What right did I have to sit on the sidelines, in the comfort and security of my drug store on Sources Rd. and think that it's up to someone else to provide all the answers?

"We make of our society and country what we make of them, either through what we do, or what we don't do."

Weiner said he should be "kicked out" of politics if the day ever comes when "I no longer believe these things, when I answer the phone and say why are you bothering me instead of listening to the problem and saying 'come on over and we'll talk about it.'"

Weiner agreed to the testimonial because he said he admires the opportunities Amal offers disadvantaged youth, many of them immigrants — a group he has always been interested in helping, too. He also admitted to a lifelong wish to be a teacher, a dream he believes he may yet realize.

Guest speaker Brig.-Gen. Baruch Levi, commander in chief of Israel's Civil Guard, said the Amal schools, now in their 60th year, have a vital mission in the integration of these young people into the mainstream of Israeli society by giving them the skills for employment in industry.

In addition, in conjunction with the Israel Defence Forces, Amal runs educational programs to prepare those without the necessary background for their military service.

In Israel, this is especially important, Levi said, because more than 90% of the "lower strata" of society is Sephardi, and the danger exists for serious social tensions.

The dinner was chaired by criminial lawyer Raphael Schachter. Other participants included Israeli Consul General Chalom Schirman, Quebec Superior Court Justice Jerry Zigman, labor lawyer Joel Silcoff, Howard Shulkin and Rabbi Mordecai Zeitz.

Special unit said vital to track war criminals

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Canadians must realize the prosecution of Nazi war criminals won't happen merely because it is the right thing to do, a forum on Nazi war criminals was told recently.

What Canada decides to do is a function of the political process and what its people tell the government to do, said Allan Ryan Jr., former director of the American Office of Special Investigations.

Government, Ryan said, will respond to the question as it would to political issues. "Good things don't happen because they are good causes," he said.

Speaking to about 300 people at the opening forum of Holocaust Education Week, sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress, Ryan said "It's absolutely necessary" to have a special investigation unit devoted exclusively to the pursuit of war criminals."

Ryan said the OSI, established to pursue and prosecute Nazi war criminals, consisted of lawyers, investigators and historians who were completely familiar with the history and politics of Europe during World War II.

It is that attention to detail and an understanding of the local political groups and their role in the Holocaust that is necessary before undertaking a successful prosecution, he stated.

Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn has said 40 lawyers and RCMP officers are investigating war criminal suspects in Canada.

Ryan cited the case of an OSI lawyer who had two street maps on his office wall — one of Washington and the other of Riga, Latvia, circa 1941. "He knew both equally well.

"You can't have prosecutors who prosecute war criminals in the morning and bank robbers in the afternoon," he said.

Ryan, author of Quiet Neighbors, a look at war criminals in the U.S., said U.S. postwar policy opened the doors to hundreds of thousands of displaced persons allowing in many possible war criminals.

"When one considers the pool of refugees, it should not be a surprise that the number of Nazi war criminals by my conservative estimate...has to be at least 10,000 people" (in the U.S.), he said.

He said the American experience closely parallels that of Canada, though the numbers involved are quite different.

He told The CJN that Canada took refugees from much the same pool as did the U.S., but at one-third the numbers. Just as in the U.S., it's not a matter of only 200-300 suspects, he said. (Deschenes urged that prompt legal action be taken against 20 prime suspects and investigation be continued against 218 others.)

Ryan said he disagreed with the assessment of Elizabeth Holtzman that Canada erred in focusing on domestic prosecutions of Nazi war criminals.

Holtzman, the onetime U.S. Congresswoman who sponsored the law which led to the creation of the OSI, told a McGill University forum on the legacy of Nuremberg that she favored denaturalizing and deporting Nazi war criminals.

She argued that it may be very difficult to obtain criminal convictions, since many young people do not fully comprehend the magnitude of the crimes and may be influenced more by the accused's ties to Canada (CJN Nov. 12).

"I think it's too early to make that prediction," Ryan said. "I don't think deporting people to where they committed crimes is the only way."

During a lively question period following his address, Ryan was called on by a number of people to defend OSI prosecutions.

Ryan said he would not preclude evidence from the Soviet Union just because of a dislike of its political system. Each item of evidence, whether a captured Nazi document or the testimony of witnesses, must be examined case by case, just as evidence is examined in other trials, he said.

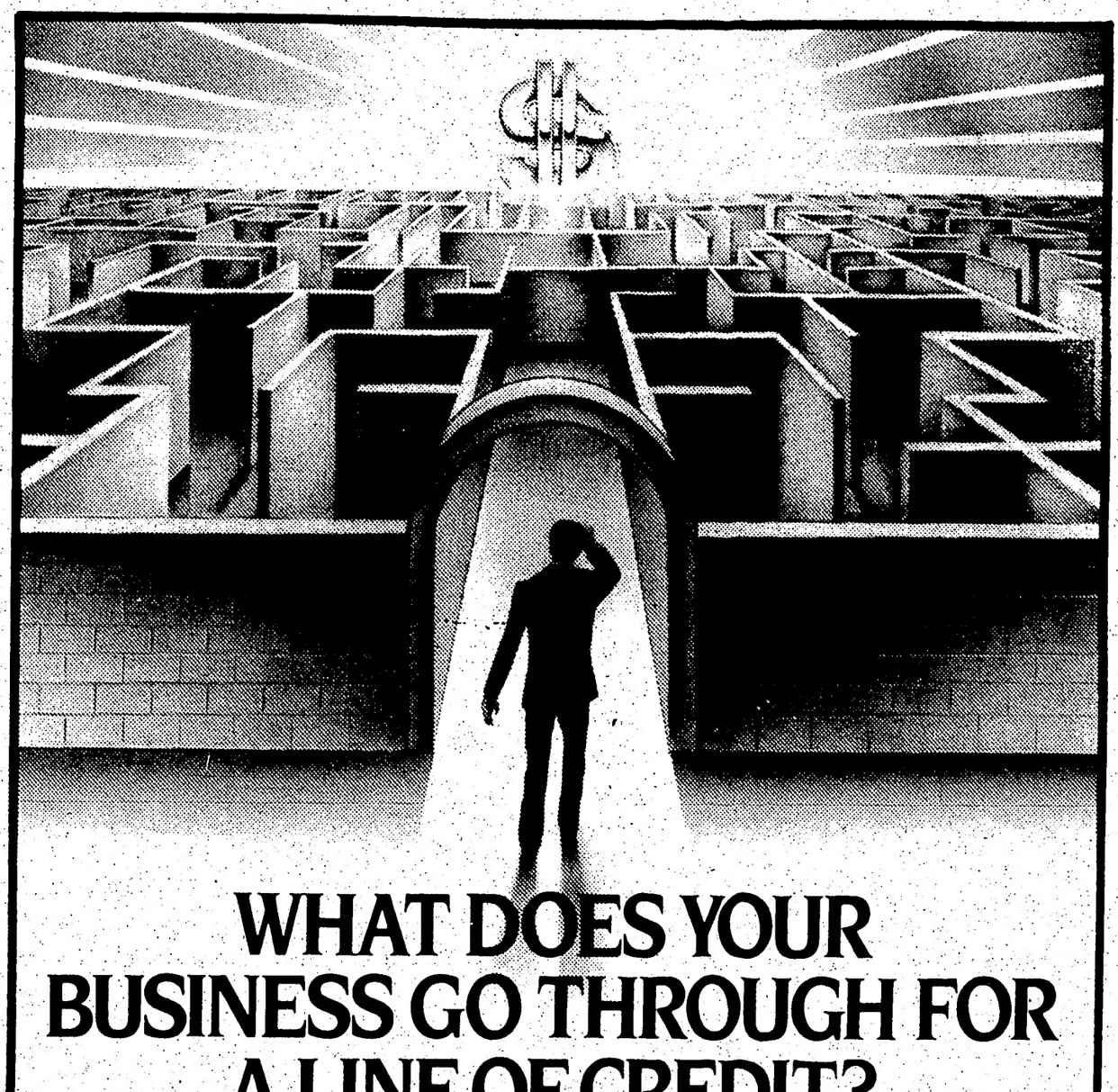
In American cases, "not one document from Soviet archives has been shown to be altered," Ryan, who headed the OSI for four years, said.

Shuchat joins council

MONTREAL —

Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat (Shaar Hashomayim, Montreal) has joined the Rabbinical Advisory Council of The Jewish Theological Society of Canada.

The Rabbinical Advisory Council was formed recently (CJN Oct. 29) to "help guide and strengthen the work" of the Jewish Theological Society of Canada in cooperation with The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Some ladies, instead of lighting Sabbath candles, use Chanukah candles for that purpose. Is it correct to do that? — (Mrs.) Lili Grossman, Toronto.

What happened to the spirit of romance in our world? Women are supposed to be incurably romantic, and dining by candlelight is so poetic. The room looks different, the silver looks different, and the face looks different, softened by the light of the candles.

Rabbi Burak

For a little romance and the right look, women are ready to pay a hefty price, both in cash and in pain. Look how some starve themselves in order to have the right shape. Those who need even more drastic measures to achieve this result are prepared to let the surgeon's knife give them the right body shape.

And as far as the face is concerned, which lady is not prepared to spend 40 or 50 dollars on a little 2-ounce jar of smetana that is advertised as giving back the bloom of youth? Then, why are some lighting small little candles instead of the regular Sabbath candles, when those are the least expensive of all cosmetics, bathing women in the glow of holiness as well?

From the standpoint of the halacha, the name of the candles spells it out for you. A Chanukah candle is just that. It is intended for use on that festival when all that is required is that the candle should burn for a minimal half hour. That they do eminently well. Mind you, those who have higher standards light menorahs that use olive oil and burn much longer.

For Friday night, you need a different type of candle. You light the Sabbath candles some 18 minutes before sunset. The males go off to shul earlier, so as to arrive there at candlelighting time, which is the time of the mincha service.

Mincha and Kabbalas Shabbas take at least an hour. Where there is a cantor and choir to chant the Sabbath service it might well take more time. Add to this the time it takes to walk home from shul, an average 15 minutes. Nu, singing Shalom 'Aleichem, and the kiddush takes time, as does the washing of the hands for motzi for the entire family.

One does not eat the Friday night dinner in a hurry. You're not at a fast food stand. This is fine dining, with pleasant conversation, Sabbath zemirros, table hymns, and a little Torah as well. Can the meal with all these trimmings be completed in less than an hour and half? I think not.

This means that for Friday night you need candles that burn for two to three hours at least. That's something the Chanukah candles cannot do. Only the Sabbath candles last that long. For some people they need to last even longer, for the Code, O.H. Chapter 263:4, tells us that some may light the candles as early as an hour and a quarter before sunset. We may not light them earlier than that.

While the Code refers to just two Sabbath candles, the Mishneh Berurah, O.H. 263:6, mentions that some light seven candles on Friday night to symbolize the seven days of the week, and others light 10 candles, a reminder of the Ten Commandments which illuminated the world. None of these references talked about little Chanukah candles for these purposes.

There were days in the history of our people when women had to make sacrifices in order to have two Sabbath candles. Tyrants knew how to place burdensome taxes on this item. Yet Jewish women paid the price; they even made it a practice to light an extra candle for each child in the family.

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"We can make a difference": Stern

Summit protest gains momentum

By
WENDY ROSEN

MONTREAL —

Canadians from across the nation are mobilizing to join forces with American Jewry for a historic demonstration Sunday, Dec. 6 in Washington.

Among the recently released Refuseniks already confirmed to participate in the rally, slated for the day before the summit meeting between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, are Ida Nudel, Irina Brailovsky, Yuli Edelshtein, Vladimir and Maria Slepak and Natan Scharansky.

Among the 100,000 expected turnout — the largest rally for a Jewish cause in Washington's history — will be Canadians from the West (Vancouver has confirmed participation), Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa (including members of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, the Parliamentary Spouses Group for Soviet Jewry and community leaders), and the Atlantic Region.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress, said that it's a crucial time to show the Soviets as well as the American and Canadian governments that basic human rights are a major concern in the world.

She stressed that many recently released Refuseniks were told months ago that they would never be allowed to go but "it's stong pressure exerted by governments and the grassroots" that has been the catalyst for their freedom.

"We're living in a generation in which we have the opportunity to redeem our people and have the privilege in sharing in it.

"People who don't fully appreciate the time they're living in and the role they can play to effect a change are missing an opportunity to help ... to effect a change for the Jewish people," she added.

"When you consider all the years people marched for Nudel and the Slepaks and now they're here and marching for their friends, how can we do any less?"

Ben Prossin, director of CJC's Ontario Region committee, says that this is perhaps one of the few times that each individual can make a difference in the plight of another.

"Each of us as individuals can make a difference ... but it has to start with the individual who is prepared to say and do something for Soviet Jewry," Prossin said.

"It's really part of the spirit of Jewish caring; the whole idea that each Jew is responsible for another. By our actions we'll demonstrate that their fight is our fight; that we care about their suffering and are prepared to do something to alleviate it and give them basic human rights."

Although delegates from each city will arrive at different times, plans now call for them to merge at a downtown Washington hotel and form a truly Canadian delegation.

The 75-minute Flight for Freedom from Toronto will be on a DC-8 charter from Worldways. To reserve a seat (first come, first served), call Prossin or Beverley Livshitz at (416) 635-2883.

In Montreal, to reserve a seat, call Sylvia Abish at (514) 931-7531. The cut off date for reservations is Nov. 25.

Barbara Stern, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress' National Committee for Soviet Jewry, embraces Natan Scharansky during his visit to Montreal. [Howard Kay photo]

Secrecy symposium Nov. 23 in Moscow

TORONTO —

Moscow's Refuseniks will hold their symposium on the Soviets' use of state secrets as a means of restricting emigration on Nov. 23 and 24 (CJN Nov. 5).

However, organizers tell a Canadian activist that they believe their application to city hall for a facility that holds between 150 and 200 people will be refused.

Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, said organizers report that a spokesman for the department asked questions about the nature of the meeting and then commented that the problem was "imaginary".

"They feel they they will be refused but they'll hold the symposium regardless in private homes," she said, adding that 16 reports probing the judicial and humanitarian aspects of refusal, which will be presented, have already been published in book form.

Plans of holding a parallel symposium here on that same date to compare and contrast how the problem of secrecy would be dealt with in a free society had to be scrapped due to insufficient preparation time.

At a meeting last week, the four groups which are co-sponsoring the local meeting on the same topic — Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Soviet Jewry Committe (for which Intrator is program coordinator), B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee and the Committee for Soviet Jewry of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region — decided to hold it on Feb. 7 or Feb. 14.

Intrator said organizers have asked that lawyers, politicians and others participate and also look at international security and development of international trust and confidence.

"There are a lot of agreements on the verge of being signed. Before signing, organizers say its important that the West look at the performance of the Soviet Union with respect to former agreements."

Intrator said there seems to be a contradiction in that some Refuseniks are not permitted exit visas because they allegedly possess secrets, even though some haven't worked in that area for possibly 20 years or more. At the same time the Soviet Union and Western countries are in the process of signing an agreement with respect to armaments that were produced more recently. — **W.R.**

University starts Shultz fellowship

TEL AVIV —

The George P. Shultz Doctoral Fellowship Fund was recently inaugurated in a ceremony at Tel Aviv University.

The fund — a project of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University — will support doctoral candidates in political science, economics and business administration.

Guests at the ceremony included U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S. Moshe Arad, and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz who made the first contribution of $10,000 to the fund.

Shultz — who met with doctoral students and university officials before the ceremony — said that excellence in economics, political science and management would be especially important for understanding the world of the future, which he predicted would be very different from our own.

Prof. Yehuda Ben-Shaul, Tel Aviv University's rector, praised Shultz, calling him "an outstanding example of the contribution made by academics to public life in his country, and of the close involvement of the academic world in all aspects of government and administration.

"He is an example of the sort of people we hope to produce through the studies that will be made possible by the Shultz Fellowships."

The American Friends of Tel Aviv University recommended Shultz's friendship to Israel be honored with the creation of a fund.

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Julius Israeli presses for criminal prosecution

NB justice minister may reopen Ross file

By
PAUL LUNGEN

FREDERICTON — New Brunswick's minister of justice has announced he is considering a review of the previous government's decision not to prosecute teacher Malcolm Ross for promoting hatred against an identifiable group.

James Lockyer said he is considering a request from Julius Israeli that he reexamine the case of the Moncton-area school teacher who has published books denying the Holocaust and accusing Jews of engaging in a conspiracy to dominate the world.

In a letter to the province's recently-appointed justice minister, Israeli asks: "In the name of morality, justice and public interest, please reopen the file dealing with my complaints against Malcolm Ross and institute legal proceedings against him pursuant to section 281.2(2) of the Criminal Code (the hate literature provisions)."

Lockyer told The CJN "I'm considering his letter and until that, I can make no further comment...It's a complicated matter." He declined to indicate when he may announce his decision.

Israeli has been attempting since the late 1970s to convince provincial justice authorities to lay hate literature charges against the Magnetic Hill school teacher, alleging the books and letters he penned are anti-semitic hate literature.

Ross is author of several books, including *Web of Deceit*, which allege there is an international Jewish conspiracy seeking world domination. About one year ago, in a letter to the Miramichi Leader, he repeated his claims and offered to sell his books directly to the public.

David Clark, the justice minister in the government of former Premier Richard Hatfield, declined to lay charges against Ross despite protests from Israeli and local religious leaders.

Clark argued, in part, that the books were no longer available to the public.

United Church Rev. Jim Leland echoed Israeli's calls for criminal prosecution of Ross. In a recent letter to Lockyer, the Florenceville minister said he believed Ross' three books violated the hate literature provisions of the Criminal Code. He called the material "neo-Nazi hate propaganda against the Jews."

He also called on education minister Shirley Dysart to remove Ross' teaching licence.

Leland told The CJN he too had received literature directed against Jews from a tiny organization called the Canadian Resistance Movement. The material was Nazi-era propaganda from 1937 which, he said, indicated it was compiled by Canadian Nazi Adrien Arcand. Arcand was interned during World War II as a Nazi sympathizer.

The literature sent to him includes references to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, an anti-semitic forgery concocted by the czarist secret police, and newspaper clippings of the 1920s and 30s that linked Jews with Communism, Leland said. There was also material that referred to medieval blood libels directed against Jews.

In other New Brunswick developments, Terry Long, Canadian representative of the white-supremacist Aryan Nations, appeared on a radio talk show in Saint John during which he stated that Christianity is the true Israel and that Jews are "the sons of Satan."

The incident was reported by the New Brunswick broadcast media, which quoted the progam's host as saying he wanted to test the limits of free speech and explore the nature of bigotry.

Long captured national attention in Alberta last year with his anti-semitic statements and his promise to construct a compound near Caroline for the racist Aryan Nations organization.

Long's appearance on the talk show may be a result of the Hatfield government's refusal to lay charges against Ross, said Alan Shefman, national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

That decision may have sent a signal to others who share Ross' views that it was "open day for them" in New Brunswick and that no matter how anti-Jewish their comments, there would be no legal consequences, he said.

Bernie Vigod, Atlantic Region chairman of the League for Human Rights and a resident of New Brunswick, said the "failure to deal with the Ross situation is a lingering sore here. Hatemongers are becoming more and more bold."

He cited a rise in letters to the media and even an attempt by Terry Leblanc, Eastern representative of the Canadian Resistance Movement (and apparently one of only a handful of members nationwide), to demand of education department officials that a Holocaust-denial element be included in a school curriculum on the Holocaust.

"I have no fear that the department will be intimidated by this," Vigod stated. "What it indicates is just how bold these characters are becoming."

According to Shimon Fogel, executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the local Jewish community is considering a complaint to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission arising out of Long's radio appearance.

CRTC guidelines prohibit the promotion of hatred or intolerance against groups, he said.

Fogel added that local community representatives will make their concerns known privately to the station's management before considering a formal complaint.

Ottawa urged to charge alleged war criminal

TORONTO — An organization which won a defamation case against an alleged war criminal is calling on the federal justice minister to press criminal charges against him, the Toronto Star reports.

Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association spokesperson Sabina Citron is quoted as saying "we will deliver a letter to the minister of justice to state our concerns."

Five years ago, the CHRA alleged retired restaurateur Imre Finta, 76, was responsible for deporting thousands of Hungarian Jews to slave labor camps and to the gas chambers at Auschwitz.

In a story carried by the Toronto Sun, Finta was quoted as saying: "I'm not a Nazi, they're full of dirty lies."

The Sun subsequently ran an editorial criticizing Citron for raising the allegations.

Citron sued both the Sun and Finta for libel, arguing her reputation was affected and the credibility of the CHRA damaged.

Following several days of trial recently, the Ontario Supreme Court ordered Finta to pay $32,000 in damages.

Earlier, in a related trial, the Sun agreed to pay $100,000 in an out-of-court settlement and issued a prominently-displayed apology and retraction.

During the court hearings, videotaped statements by five Holocaust survivors in Europe identified Finta as the Hungarian Mounted Police captain who directed their deportations.

Presiding judge Richard Holland stated there was no doubt the Sun article was false and had damaged Citron's reputation.

Following the withdrawal by Finta of his defence and countersuit, Holland noted that "by reason of the withdrawal, the statement...does seem to be admitted."

"Everything we said has been vindicated," said Citron following the judgment.

In ordering Finta to pay $30,000 in damages and $2,000 in costs (Citron's counsel had asked for the same amount as the Sun), Holland noted Finta "is not a wealthy man" and it would not be easy for him "to write a check for $100,000."

Holland said Finta's libel was limited to his quotation in the article accusing Citron of lying.

In withdrawing the defence, Finta also submitted a written apology.

However, Robert Armstrong, one of Citron's lawyers, said that unlike the Sun apology, Finta's was "a cowardly statement" that did not acknowledge his accusation was false or had harmed Citron.

At the time The CJN went to press, Citron was unavailable for comment.

Soviet envoy invites Israeli

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — In another signal of a thaw in Soviet-Israeli relations, the Soviet ambassador to Montevideo hosted his Israeli counterpart at the annual October Revolution Day celebrations and shook his hand, referring to the absence of diplomatic ties as "unreasonable."

Foreign ministry officials said that this was — "as far as we can remember" — the first time since 1967 that a Soviet diplomat has officially invited an Israeli ambassador to an October Revolution anniversary party.

When the invitation from Igor Lapatiyev reached Eliezer Palmor, the Israeli ambassador quickly contacted the Soviet embassy to find out whether a mistake had been made.

"No," said the Soviets, "you are, indeed, invited."

Ministry officials interpreted the invitation as "a local initiative" by Lapatiyev based on an apparent general guideline by Moscow to its ambassadors stating that there has been a thaw in bilateral relations and that a certain display of amiability towards Israeli diplomats would not be out of place.

Lapatiyev apparently interpreted the guideline more liberally than his colleagues: No other Soviet ambassador invited Israeli diplomats to the October Revolution Day celebrations.

Palmor reported to Jerusalem that he was "warmly" received by Lapatiyev.

But the Soviets recently "hardened" their position on an international conference and insist on PLO participation, sources in the Prime Minister's Office said last week.

The sources were reacting to a report from Washington that an anonymous senior Israeli official — possibly Nimrod Novik, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' foreign policy advisor — had said that the Soviets recently softened their positions on the conference.

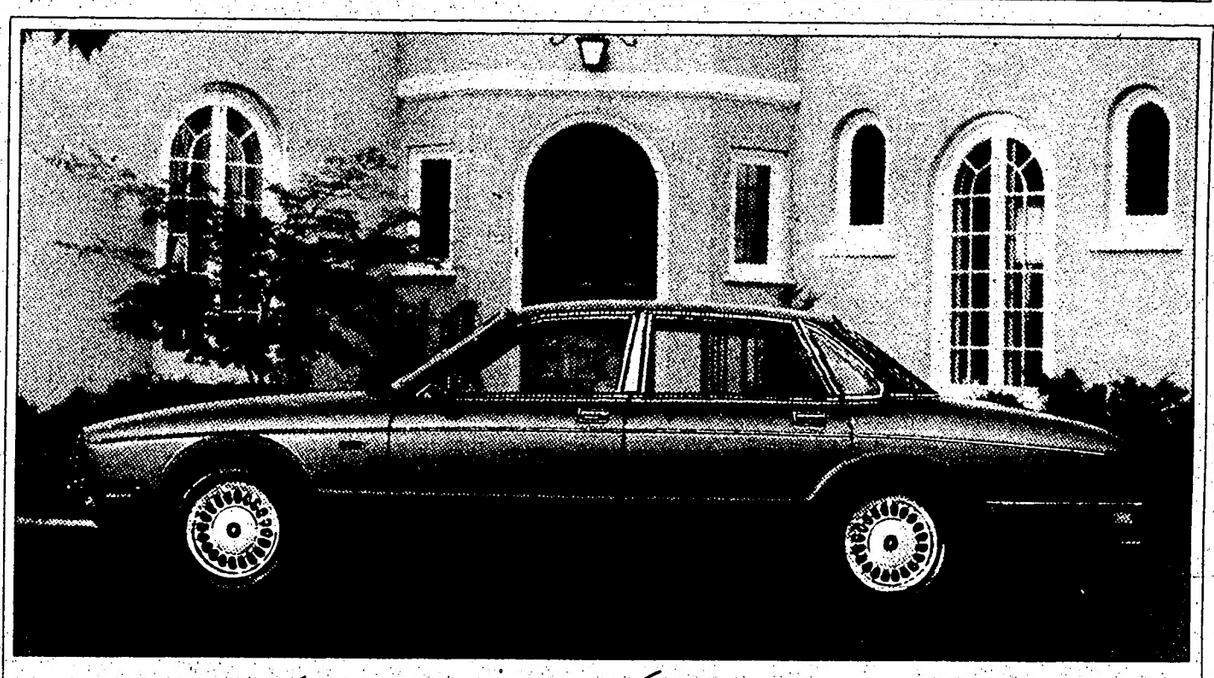
The sources in the Prime Minister's Office said that in the recent talks in Moscow between U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and Soviet officials, the Soviets had reiterated that the conference must be empowered to decide on a solution to the conflict and that the Soviet Union would not attend if the PLO was barred from attending.

Kreutzer gets 2nd term

NEW YORK — Franklin Kreutzer of Miami was installed here as international president of the United Synagogue of America for a second term at the organization's 75th anniversary biennial convention which was to end Nov. 19.

Among those taking part, in person or by live satellite feed from Israel, were Abba Eban, Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, General Uzi Narkis, leader of the Israel Defence Forces division that liberated Jerusalem in 1967, and Benyamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

The Conservative organization has a membership of 2 million representing 850 synagogues.



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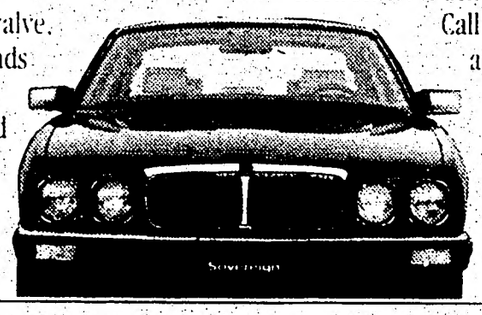

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"Affront to the Jewish people"

Memorial prompts protest

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A federal government employee has filed a grievance about a Remembrance Day memorial he says is an example of systemic discrimination against Jews.

Harold Bliss, chief steward in the Union of Public Works Employees, raised the complaint about a display at a government building at 4900 Yonge St. in which a white cross was prominent.

Bliss said the display was "a definite affront to the Jewish people and ignores the fact that Jewish soldiers also died." He called it "an insult to my faith" and complained that it suggests that Jewish soldiers who fell "are being memorialized as Christians."

In his grievance, filed before Remembrance Day, Bliss asked that the president of the Treasury Board issue a written apology and that a symbol of the Jewish faith be included. Bliss said he expected the latter request would have been turned down and instead the cross would have been removed.

He also asked that the creation of a race and ethnic relations committee be considered to look into matters that can lead to systemic discrimination.

Bliss told The CJN he received a reply to his grievance two days before Remembrance Day in which Susanne Borup, the director general of public works, Ontario region, said she was "sensitive to your concern about the perceived discrimination towards Jewish soldiers...and to those who lost their lives for our country."

However, she added, "I am unable to affect a longstanding tradition, sanctioned by the government of Canada: that of displaying the cross symbol to commemorate the war dead."

Bliss wrote back indicationg those who fought for Canada "were not all Christians."

He said the grievance is now being considered by the head of Public Works Canada, in Ottawa. Bliss said he would take the matter to the next grievance level, adjudication, if necessary, and even to the federal court.

Bernie Farber, spokesman for the joint community relations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, said "we believe his concerns are legitimate.

"A number of Canadian servicemen, Jewish and Christian, and their families may find it of great concern that they are being memorialized by a religious symbol not of their faith."

Farber suggested a neutral symbol, such as a maple leaf, the red ensign or a poppy be employed in its stead.

Neither Farber nor Bliss were aware of any other Remembrance Day diplays which included a cross, though Congress was investigating whether there were similar displays elsewhere in Canada.

"It's an important item our agenda," Farber said. Congress was considering contacting other religious groups, such as Sikhs, Moslems and Hindus to determine their views, as well as the Jewish War Veterans and the Royal Canadian Legion.

"If I were a child of a war veteran who fought in either war, I'd be very upset at this type of memorialization," Farber said.

This Remembrance Day display, with a cross centred between two wreaths, is the focus of a grievance that the federal government is memorializing only the members of one faith. [Graphic Artists photo]

Tunisian Jews welcome new leader after coup

PARIS (JTA) —
Tunisia's tiny Jewish community has welcomed the ascension to the presidency of Prime Minister Zine el Abidine Ben Ali, even though the man he deposed recently, President Habib Bourguiba, was regarded by Jews as their "protector."

There are about 3,500 Jews out of a total population of 6.9 million in Tunisia, a North African Arab state which won independence from France in 1956. Bourguiba was its first and only president until Ben Ali, whom he had appointed prime minister, took over in a bloodless coup declaring the 84-year-old incumbent to be "senile" and unable to run the country.

Tunisian Jews, contacted by Jewish organizations in Paris, said the rise of Ben Ali to power was an assurance that their safety and wellbeing would not be threatened.

Many said they will feel safer under Ben Ali's rule. They said that during the last years of Bourguiba's presidency he was, despite his goodwill, no longer able to run the police and security services efficiently.

There were, in fact, a number of anti-semitic incidents in the final years of Bourguiba's rule, including an attack on a synagogue in Djerba two years ago.

Ben Ali is a former interior minister and former chief of police and security services, known for his tough imposition of law and order. But observers here doubt that the new president has Bourguiba's charisma and political courage.

They say he will probably try to compromise with the other Arab states on "non-vital issues" such as the Middle East. He will also try to avoid any direct confrontation with Tunisia's increasingly active Moslem fundamentalist movement, which has been at the root of recent anti-Jewish disturbances, observers say.

But while Tunisian Jews do not appear to feel any less secure under Ben Ali's rule, many recall with nostalgia his predecessor's personal initiatives.

Bourguiba was the first Arab statesman to advocate peace with Israel. In the early 1960s, he openly received the late Nahum Goldmann, then president of the World Zionist Organization. Later, in an interview with a French news magazine, Bourguiba called for Arab recognition of Israel and direct Arab-Israeli peace talks.

There was only a silent reshuffling of the Tunisian government after Bourguiba's ouster. Among those dropped was Foreign Minister Hedi Mabrouk, who had served for 17 years as ambassador to France and was known for his close links to many Tunisian Jews and his moderate positions on the Middle East.

He has been replaced by Mahmoud Mestiri, who has served as Tunisia's ambassador to the United Nations, where he developed close contacts with Israeli officials and various Jewish organizations.

British expert: "Ivan" ID card likely faked

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
An internationally recognized expert on documents told a Jerusalem court last week that a key piece of prosecution evidence in the war crimes trial of John Demjanjuk of Cleveland, accused of operating the gas chamber at the Treblinka death camp, was probably not authentic.

Julius Grant, a British chemist who recently exposed the purported Hitler diaries as forgeries, raised what he thought were inconsistencies with the Trawniki identification card allegedly issued by the Nazi SS to Demjanjuk.

The card was provided to Israel by the Soviet Union. Grant testified that the photo on it of Demjanjuk was not original, but had been attached later. Earlier, he had said the signature on the document was "unlikely to be genuine," because the upper-case "D" contained a curl not found in other signatures by the accused.

The prosecution claims the defendant is the notorious Treblinka guard known as Ivan the Terrible. It is using the ID card to attempt to prove that Demjanjuk was an SS trooper who volunteered for duty at Treblinka.

Demjanjuk claims he is the victim of mistaken identity, that he never served in Treblinka and that the KGB is trying to frame him because he joined the Vlassov Army that fought with the Nazis against the Soviet Union, and then fled to the United States rather than return to his native Ukraine.

Court observers thought Grant's testimony was the strongest corroboration yet of those claims.

Prosecutor Michael Shaked sought to undermine Grant's credibility, citing a British Sunday Times report that the purported Hitler diaries were known to be fakes before Grant examined them chemically and dismissed them as forgeries. But Grant insisted this was not so.

Earlier, he told the presiding 3-judge panel of his long and distinguished career as a chemist specializing in forensic work, which has taken him as an expert witness to courts the world over.

He has written 28 books and is a member of several professional organizations.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

On Nov. 24, 1793, the French Revolution's metric calendar went into effect to ianugurate a new Age of Reason. The *decade* (10-day week) was aimed at supplanting the 7-day week — widely accepted from Judaism.

Among the customs adopted by the Catholic church from Judaism was what sociologist Eviatar Zerubavel calls the Bible's "7-day beat." The shavuah (week) was fixed at seven days of 24 hours each. It was not derived from the lunar month, 29.531 days long; the latter and the year were accommodated to the week. Archeological finds suggest that seven was of ritual significance to other cultures in the ancient Middle East (linguistically, the word for seven is one number echoed in both Semitic and Indoeuropean languages), but none seems to have practiced a 7-day week. Commentators have described it as one of Judaism's most significant contributions to civilization, freeing man from regulation by nature and allowing him to create a social world of his own. It was adopted by the Catholic church.

Church changed

After some three centuries of internal dispute, the church switched its day of rest to Sunday, in order to dampen recurring Judaizing trends.

Eminent mathematicians Joseph Lagrange and Gaspard Monge helped organize the decade, week of 10 days, for the French Revolution, which sought to remove traditional religion from its precincts. It was part of a new calendar based on 12 new 30-day months, each 10 new days in length. This aspect of Theophilanthropy, a civil religious movement propagated by leading Republican intellectuals and the Paris elite, was to be made law for the enlightenment of the masses.

Each day was 10 hours long, each hour 100 decimal minutes, and each minute, 100 seconds. Revolution leader Robespierre decreed the substitution of religious feasts with *decadi* (the last day of each new week) "moral festivals" dedicated to Youth, Spouses, Gratitude, Agrticulture, Liberty, and the Old. Churches were declared decadal temples, allowed to operate only on the 10th day.

Historical events in the revolution, like the destruction of the Bastille and the founding of the French republic, were fixed on annual dates that rarely coincided with decadi. There was no decadi commemoration for Robespierre — he was overthrown and executed in 1794.

Lack of general enthusiasm compelled the authorities in 1798 to institute heavy fines and jail terms for opening shops on decadi or closing them on Sundays. Schools, government offices, and tribunals were closed on decadi; fairs and markets were fixed on particular days in the decade. They were also closed on *quintidi* (fifth day) afternoon. The use of the traditional days of the week in journals, contracts and posters was also forbidden.

Divided community

France's Jews were declared full citizens in 1791. Those among the divided community who embraced new career opportunities in the civil service and military accepted the decade. Some maintained their traditional week. A growing number of merchants and contractors balanced the decade with the Jewish and Christian calendars.

The decade was, with the exception of Paris, observed mainly in the breach. Farmers ignored it altogether in their market days. Couples would have their decadi civil weddings sanctioned by the clergy on Sunday. Merchants would close on Sunday and decadi. Former nuns and priests flouted the decade with increasing boldness.

The government's official *Bulletin decadaire* was discontinued soon after Napoleon came to power in 1799. Decadal temples were permitted to function on days other than decadi. Only commemorating the founding of the Republic and the destruction of the Bastille was declared obligatory. The implication that it was no longer necessary to observe decadi was widely welcomed and acted upon. On July 26, 1800, Napoleon decreed that only public officials were bound by decadi rest laws. The decadal system was soon abandoned altogether.

On Sept. 9, 1805, Sunday as the official day of rest, and the Gregorian calendar, were officially reinstated.

Lougheed gets BB Calgary award

CALGARY —

Former Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed is the recipient of the 1987 B'nai Brith Canada Award of Merit for the City of Calgary.

Lougheed — a senior partner in the Bennett Jones law firm of Calgary and Edmonton — was recently given the prestigious award at a black-tie dinner held at Stephen and Susan Singer's home.

The presentation was made by BBC national vice-president Jack Feingold and executive vice-president Frank Dimant.

Lougheed praised BBC's human rights and youth development programs.

"During my term of office as premier, Alberta experienced a tremendous growth," he said.

"Agencies like B'nai B'rith were flexible enough to adapt to these quick changes and help provide our province with the high level of social services its citizens enjoy."

Lougheed — who was elected leader of Alberta's Conservative party in 1965 and became premier in 1971 — also spoke of his government's efforts to enshrine human rights in Alberta.

A candle lighting ceremony was held during the tribute evening. Participants included dinner co-chairmen Ron Ghitter, executive vice-president of Trizec Corp., and Rod McDaniel, president of McDaniel and Associates. Also participating were David Russell, Alberta deputy premier; Bill Lister, a member of BBC's board of governors; and hosts Stephen and Susan Singer.

Dr. Harry Cohen, elder statesmen of B'nai B'rith in Western Canada, was praised for his many years of dedication. The ceremony was conducted by field services national director Pearl Gladman.

Dinner proceeds will support B'nai B'rith's "people helping people" programs in Alberta, including the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, university campus Hillel groups, the Institute for International Affairs and the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith.

Leaders consult abroad

TORONTO —

A group of national B'nai Brith Canada leaders left on Sunday on a 2½-week mission to Hungary, Romania and Israel.

The delegation — headed by BBC president Ralph Snow and coordinated by executive vice-president Frank Dimant — is attending a series of consultations and high-level meetings with government officials in Budapest, Bucharest and Jerusalem. Members will return to Canada on Dec. 2.

The group is concerned with the continued fair treatment of Hungary's 80,000 Jews and Romania's 26,000.

Meetings are scheduled with Imri Miklos, Hungarian religious affairs minister, Dr. Ervin Farkas, director of the World Federation of Hungarian Jews, and Romania government representatives.

In Tel Aviv, the delegation — including BBC field services director Pearl Gladman, vice-presidents Michael Rosenberg and Moishe Smith, and Institute for International Affairs chairman Marilyn Wainberg — will meet with Mayor Shlomo Labat to dedicate BBC's mother and child health care clinic in memory of past president Alan Borden.

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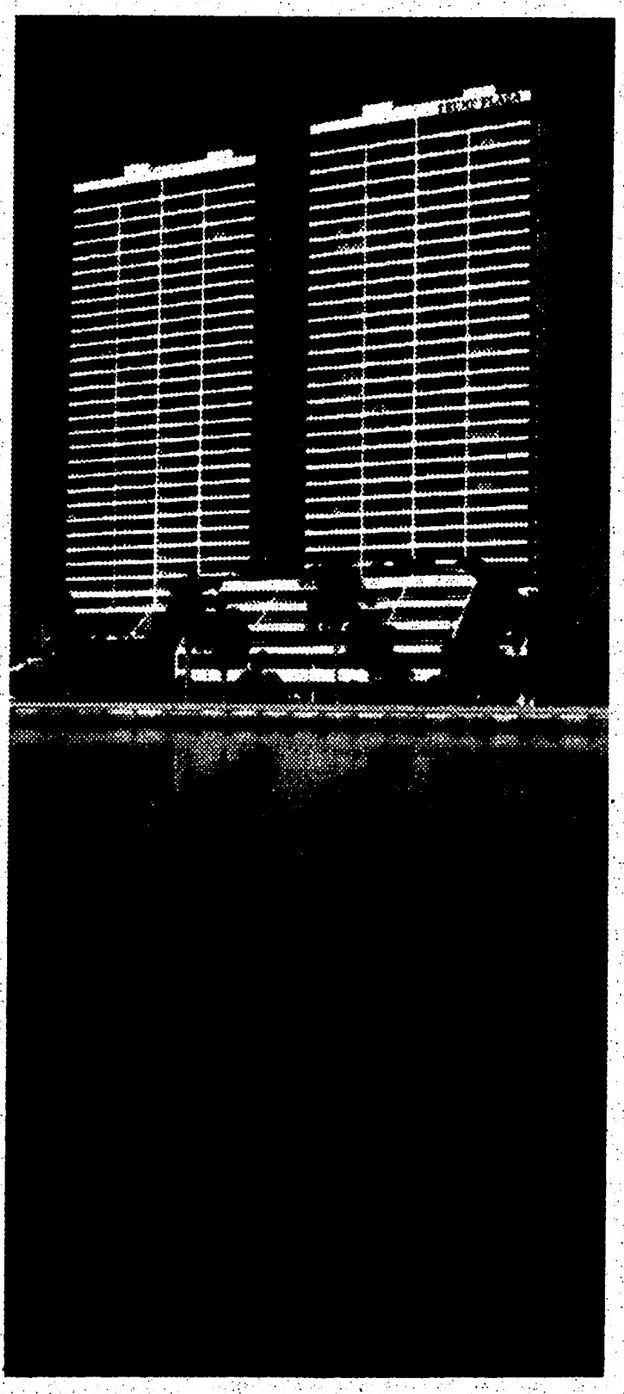

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The Arab summit

The spectacle of Arab heads of state coming together for a summit meeting is one that always occasions skepticism and puzzlement.

The idea that representatives of totalitarian regimes can come together to reach some kind of democratic consensus is a contradiction in terms.

People who are unaccustomed to freedom of expression, to the give and take of the democratic decision-making process, inevitably end up at political impasses. Compromise is hard enough to reach in democratic systems; it is usually unattainable among the totalitarians.

It is somewhat of a surprise, therefore, that the recently concluded Arab summit in Amman achieved unanimity in its condemnation of Iran. Even the recalcitrant Syrians were persuaded (by a reported $2 billion Saudi gift) to reverse their longstanding support of Teheran by backing the condemnation resolution.

We hope the summit's position on the Iraq-Iran war will be translated into a cessation of hostilities. The carnage from that war brings little honor to the human race.

From the point of view of the future of the Arab-Israel imbroglio two items from the meetings are significant. First, the summit issued only a cursory reference to that dispute. In the English text, the PLO was not even identified as the "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

Second, the summit cleared the way for Egypt's return to the Arab fold through an informal understanding that individual Arab states may reestablish relations with Cairo.

We are pleased that Egypt has been readmitted even in this indirect way, into the comity of Arab nations. Her expulsion in 1979, as a result of the peace accords with Israel, was a retrogressive step in the extreme.

Since 1979, Egypt, under Sadat and Mubarak, has come to understand that realism with regard to Israel is far preferable to the politics of hate and warfare that has characterized Arab attitudes in the past. The Egyptian-Israel relationship has had its ups and downs but it remains nonetheless intact.

It is our hope that Egypt, working within the infrastructure of Arab politics, will be able to introduce a modicum of sanity into Arab discourse on Israel and that Cairo will be able to serve as an honest broker between Israel and the Arab nations.

Moral indifference

It has been said that in order for evil to triumph the only thing that is required is for good men to do nothing. It is in this context that we reflect, more in sadness than in anger, at the revelation of a former Prime Minister of this country regarding the prosecution of war criminals in Canada.

Pierre Elliot Trudeau, speaking at a conference on war crimes held recently at McGill University, indicated that during his tenure in office he did not act on the Nazi war criminals issue because he believed that it was not a priority item.

Mr. Trudeau added that there were so many pressing things on his political agenda that he felt it was his government's task to move forward on those items exclusively. He suggested, moreover, that people had the obligation to leave their European problems behind.

The former Prime Minister went on to suggest that "atrocities had been committed on both sides" because of the ferocity of warfare.

Trudeau did allow, however, that crimes against humanity went beyond ordinary atrocities. Given his admission about the uniqueness of Nazi crimes, it is indeed puzzling why he still chose to disregard them in preparing his political agenda.

In any case, what has long been rumored in Ottawa, has now been confirmed by a former Prime Minister of Canada. Successive liberal governments since 1945 have been indifferent to one of the major justice issues of our time.

Those governments, acting upon the advice of officials in the justice department, chose to look the other way and busy themselves with "priority items" while Canada welcomed within its borders scores, if not hundreds, of Nazi war criminals.

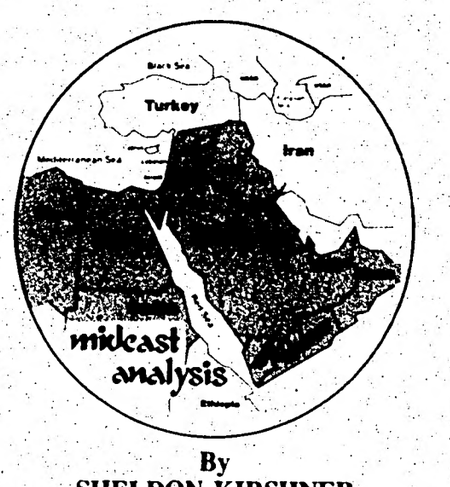
The lamentable fact is that if the Saint Laurent, Pearson and Trudeau governments had moved vigorously in pursuing Nazi war criminals in Canada decades ago prosecutions would have been more effective.

Forty-two years later memories have weakened and witnesses have died off. The moral indifference exhibited by the Trudeau leadership (and by that of his predecessors) has made the current investigations all the more difficult.

Good people did nothing and the result is the shameful record of Canada's inertia on Nazi war criminals.

But bitter rivals still far apart

Syria, Iraq agree to make up



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Last week's Arab summit in Jordan, the first in five years, may have marked a new beginning in Syria's often bitter relationship with its arch rival, Iraq.

In a remarkable show of amity, Syrian President Hafez Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein agreed to seek an end to their perennial enmity.

Syria and Iraq, which have always vied with each other for influence in the Arab world, have reportedly hammered out a preliminary agreement to eliminate the differences between them.

For starters, Assad and Hussein have ordered a halt to their propaganda war, which has been waged ferociously in print and on the airwaves.

Hafez Assad

But Syria and Iraq still have a considerable distance to go before the advent of genuine reconciliation.

At the summit, Syria held its ground and refused to drop its support of Iran, locked in battle with Iraq for the past eight years. Immediately after the completion of the summit, Syria reiterated its pro-Iranian policy and played down reports of an imminent reconciliation.

No one doubts that a dramatic improvement in their acrimonious relations would be a major development in the region, one that would be of long-term concern to Israel. Syria and Iraq have built formidable military machines — Syria because of its perpetual confrontation with Israel, and Iraq because of its bloody war with Iran. If Syria and Iraq ever managed to form an alliance on the eastern front against Israel, the Jewish state, while not in mortal danger, would certainly have to scramble to meet the new challenge.

In the Arab arena, the political consequences could be far-reaching as well. Saudi Arabia and Egypt, while paying lip service to the tattered concept of Arab unity, would not really welcome such a powerful alignment. Neither, one suspects, would Jordan, which has been in the forefront of easing tension between Syria and Iraq.

The biggest loser, however, would be Iran, a Moslem but non-Arab nation. Should Syria gradually disengage itself from its pragmatic entente with Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic fundamentalist regime, Iran would be totally isolated in the Middle East.

At present, only Syria and Libya back Iran.

The most immediate cause of Syria's problems with Iraq relates to the Gulf War. Syria, from the very outset, has backed Teheran, much to the disgust of Iraq and the apprehension of the Arab world in general.

Theoretically, Syria has little in common with Iran. The Iranians espouse a fundamentalism that the Syrians have attempted to crush at home, and, in Lebanon, Syria and Iran have backed different warring factions.

Syria has rallied to Iran on the basis of an old Arab adage, the enemy of my enemy is my friend.

Syrian-Iraqi relations have generally been less than cordial because, as scholar John Devlin writes, "Syria's geopolitical ambitions run counter to those of Iraq."

Each nation aspires to Arab leadership, and Hafez Assad and Saddam Hussein exhibit a strong dislike for each other. An exacerbating factor is that Assad and Hussein claim to be the sole legitimate representatives of the Ba'ath Party, whose rival branches have ruled Syria and Iraq since the 1960s.

Still yet another source of mutual animosity is their competing claim to the waters of the Euphrates River.

The current phase of Syrian-Iraqi hostility dates to the failure of an attempt to unify the two countries and their respective parties in the wake of Anwar Sadat's historic journey to Jerusalem in 1977.

Immediately after Sadat's trip and the signing of the 1978 Camp David Accords, Syria and Iraq, then both in the radical Arab camp, began to explore the possibilities of unification — a chimera that has been a constant feature of Arab politics since World War II.

The two sides came close to working out a viable agreement, but were finally unable to agree on any positive steps toward unifying either party or government.

In 1979, after Saddam Hussein replaced Ahmad Bakr as president, Syrian-Iraqi relations deteriorated swiftly. The present Iraqi strongman accused Syria of sponsoring a group plotting a coup, while Assad blamed Hussein for sabotaging the unity process.

After the outbreak of the Gulf War, the deterioration spread like a cancer. Syria and Iraq closed each other's embassies in Damascus and Baghdad against the backdrop of an hysterical war of words. In 1982, in a bold show of their animosity toward Baghdad, the Syrians shut down a pipeline that had enabled Iraq to export a good part of its oil to overseas markets. It was a blow to Iraq because oil revenues finance its war against Iran. Around the same time, Syria signed an oil agreement with Iran.

Jordan, which is on good terms with Syria and Iraq, watched their rivalry with a growing sense of unease. Like the majority of Arab leaders, Jordan fears and loathes the current Iranian regime, which has threatened to carry its Islamic revolution to the farthest corners of the Arab world. In league with Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Abdullah, King Hussein worked

King Hussein lobbied hard, twisted arms

assiduously to bridge the chasm separating Syria and Iraq.

Last year's attempt by King Hussein to heal the rift failed abysmally. Syria and Iraq, simply, were not prepared for compromise. On April 26 of this year, however, the Syrian and Iraqi leaders reportedly met at a Jordanian air base. Israeli intelligence confirmed the meeting.

To King Hussein's regret, the pair were unable to come to a reasonable modus vivendi. The tension in their relations was not defused and, three months later, a Syrian fighter jet mysteriously crashed inside Iraqi territory, in the first incident of its kind between the two countries. Baghdad radio did not say whether the MIG-21 was downed by anti-aircraft fire or by Iraqi jets.

Saddam Hussein

This incident, obviously, did not dull King Hussein's passion to pursue a Syrian-Iraqi deal. In the months leading up to the Arab summit, he lobbied hard and twisted arms.

The announcement last week in Jordan that Syria and Iraq were ready to find a solution to their difficulties was a personal triumph for King Hussein.

There are good reasons for Syria and Iraq to come to terms.

•Syria's alliance with Iran has undermined its position in the Arab world and strengthened Iraq. The evolving Baghdad-Amman-Cairo axis worries Syria.

Saudi threat to cut off annual subsidy

•Saudi Arabia threatened to cut off its annual subsidy to Syria if it continued fighting with Iraq. The Saudis reportedly promised financially strapped Syria $2 billion if it came to its senses.

•Syria has lost $150 million in annual transit fees since closing the Kirkuk-Banias oil pipeline that Iraq had used. The Syrians can't afford to scoff at that kind of money.

•Syria is dismayed by Iran's occupation of Iraqi soil. Iran, prior to capturing bits of Iraqi land in 1982, pledged never to occupy any chunk of Arab territory.

•Syrian troops in Lebanon, particularly in the Bekaa Valley, have clashed with pro-Iranian Shiite Lebanese militiamen. That problem has not been satisfactorily resolved.

Iraq's motives for improving its relations with Syria are also pretty straightforward.

•Iraq wants to wean Syria away from Iran, whose stubbornness in prolonging the war has come as a great shock to Baghdad.

•Iraq wants to play a role in furthering the idea of Arab unity, such as it is.

•Iraq wants access to Syria's pipeline, even though it currently ships much of its oil through Saudi Arabian and Turkish pipelines.

Logically, Syria and Iraq have every reason to put their differences behind them and confront Persian Iran, a traditional enemy of the Arabs.

But things are never so simple in international relations and, in particular, in the fractious Arab world.

It appears that Syria and Iraq have embarked on a course that could well result in an improvement of relations. But whether they can sustain the momentum injected into that process by the Arab summit is quite another question.

Opinion

Passive attitude of intelligentsia identifying with left

Fight against anti-semitism in France weakened

University of Toronto professor HENRY H. WEINBERG, who has written extensively on socio-cultural aspects of French Jewry and modern French literature, has just published a book, *The Myth of The Jew in France, 1967-1982,* and we are pleased to reprint the chapter entitled The Left and the Jewish Cause in France.

The book is published by Mosaic Press, Oakville, Ont., and is available at $12.95 in paperback, $19.95 cloth. It will be published in France next year by Editions Grasset.

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If the anti-Jewish violence in the late 1970s and early 1980s was attributed primarily to the neo-Nazi right, the foundation for it was laid, since 1967, by the more influential and more numerous left. Some of the same Socialist forces, which earlier in the century were perceived by Jews as their protective shield, now embraced anti-Zionism, and at times voiced it in barely disguised anti-semitic rhetoric. In the final days of the 1982 war in Lebanon, Bernard-Henri Levy stated unequivocally' "We are witnessing a return of left-wing anti-semitism."

From the early 1970s, when anti-Zionism and government pro-Arab policy emerged as a serious concern to the Jewish community in France, it became obvious that one of the most adamant foes it had to contend with was a constellation of powerful forces on the left. Although not monolithic, and not uniformly hostile to the Jewish state, the entire left-of-centre political spectrum contained elements inimical in varying degrees to Israel.

After the rue Copernic explosion, Daniel Mayer, the former president of the French League of Human Rights, remarked on the hardships encountered by those who opposed the government's consistently pro-Arab policies which were generally supported by the left: "In France it is difficult to hold one's own and to oppose a political force that puts pressure on public opinion in the name of the Communists, leftists, and a non-Communist left."

Although not always united, the Communists — until the 1981 election consistently one of the largest parties in the country — segments of the Socialist Party, left-wing Gaullists and "progressive" Catholics formed a block hostile to Zionism. Commenting on the fact that the French foreign minister, Sauvagnargues, was the first major Western diplomat to shake hands with Yasser Arafat, a Jewish scholar suggested that, ironically, this significant political signal by a minister in a conservative government was facilitated by support from the left. The French foreign minister "availed himself of a good progressive conscience in going to see Arafat."

Along with the fight against colonialism in Algeria and Indochina, and opposition to the American involvement in Vietnam, the Palestinian cause has been a prominent issue for the French left. From the late 1960s on, at left-wing rallies, student demonstrations, and in leftist publications, Israel became synonymous with fascism, colonialism and imperialism. The glorified image of the Palestinian "resistance fighter" replaced in leftist mythology the Algerian freedom fighter. The Israeli soldier was portrayed as the reincarnated French paratrooper who had brutally repressed Arabs in North African casbahs.

By 1970 it seemed that the young generation of leftists, which had missed out on the struggle against colonialism in Algeria in the 1950s, and the protests against the American involvement in Vietnam in the 1960s, had found its cause in anti-Zionism. Conveniently, like the Algerian peasant, the Palestinian was a Muslim who could be linked to the Third World. For the older generation, guilt over colonial misdeeds in Algeria could be expiated in the fight against "Zionist imperialism."

America's withdrawal from Vietnam resulted in an almost exclusive concentration on the Palestinian issue on French university campuses. In the 1970s, the various committees in support of the Viet Cong were quickly transformed into committees for the PLO; American "imperialism" became Zionist "imperialism." Few questioned the propriety of applying the standard leftist slogans to the Arab-Israeli conflict, of portraying Israel as merely a platform for American designs on the Middle East. There was no attempt to understand the historical and humanitarian factors behind Israel's existence and its struggle for survival.

The Jewish cause in France has also been harmed by the fact that some in the leftist Jewish intelligentsia have participated in the anti-Zionist campaigns. Still clinging to the old belief that the triumph of the left will solve the "Jewish problem," and driven by a misguided idealism, a number of Jewish intellectuals joined the chorus of Israel's detractors. The presence of Jews in its ranks conveniently absolved the left of accusations of anti-semitism, and helped it to divert the blame for the upsurge of Jew-hatred on the less numerous, and relatively less significant, anti-semitic right. . . .

In the 1930s the young Eastern European Jewish immigrants to France found that the shortest path to assimilation into French society led through the Communist Party. Becoming part of the Communist milieu, with its rituals and customs, was the quickest way of entering French life. Although the promised fraternity eventually proved to be an illusion, many would continue to embrace the fiction of Marxist "brotherly solidarity." Few had the insight to realize that loyalty to party ideology would exact the heavy price of denial of their ethnic and religious identity in exchange for a social acceptance that was never whole-hearted.

A former Jewish Communist complained that the PCF has room for Jews only when they are "sterilized," when they consent to suppress their Jewish consciousness. He called those who remained in the party "Juifs honteux" (sheepish Jews).

The fight against anti-semitism in France has also suffered from the largely passive attitude adopted by the large and influential intelligentsia that identifies generally with the left. In a country where intellectual debate on social political issues is highly developed, and entrenched in an old tradition, issues pertaining to the anti-Jewish manifestations have been largely ignored by the same circles that invariably spring to the defence of the human rights of any social, racial, or ethnic constituency. The conspicuous militant left-wing Catholics, who often voice their opposition to injustice and discrimination, remained silent in the face of the new Judeophobia. Reacting to the flare-up of anti-semitic rhetoric in the summer of 1982, including the left-wing Christian publications, and the silence from the church leadership that greeted it, a French-Jewish academic wrote: "the lack of reaction on the part of the Christians is . . . an extremely disturbing fact."

Already in 1969, the sociologist Edgar Morin noted that absence of reaction among intellectuals in Orleans to an anti-semitic rumor that almost resulted in a pogrom against the town's Jewish shopkeepers. Incited by a fictitious report about abduction and white slavery which circulated in a Catholic girl's school, a story alleging that several young women had disappeared after entering clothing stores owned by Jews, an angry crowd gathered intent on taking the law into its hands. Disaster was prevented at the last moment. The author of La Rumeur d'Orleans "was struck the most by the failure of the teachers to intercede with the students and the town's population at the moment the rumor was in a stage of incubation, as well as later when it had spread." The fact that the professors of the local university had remained on the sidelines was also "a sign of inertia."

Leon Poliakov suggested that the apathy of the Orleans intellectuals was due to the presence in the town's leftist university circles, as in most other French universities, of a pro-Arabism which inhibited action against the threat to Jews. The "traditional" foes of racism had failed an important test. Unfortunately, this was not to be the last time. The anti-semitism in the media and on the streets during the summer months of 1982 was the result of an accumulation of 15 years of left-wing "anti-Zionist" rhetoric that had by then managed to permeate the lexicon of political discourse in France.

France also became one of the few Western democracies where local, extreme-left terrorists specifically targeted Jews. It is also one of the few Western countries where evidence presented to a court has shown that leftist terrorists attacked Jewish targets independently from their Palestinian allies. In June, 1983, at his trial in Paris, a leader of Action Directe, a violent Marxist organization accused of bombing several Jewish and Israeli establishments, declared that Israel was a "fascist" state, a "bunker of Western capitalism," and that it was a "duty" to contribute to the "total destruction of this state." Frederic Oriach, the head of the terrorist gang, and several of his cohorts were convicted to prison terms ranging from six years to eight months. The court was presented with evidence that the group had planned to attack 38 "Zionist" targets in Paris — in fact, local communal leaders and institutions. In France, extreme-leftists imitated the fanaticism of Palestinian radicals.

Series of outrageous anti-Jewish activities followed

De Gaulle opened floodgates, claims author

By
ARNOLD AGES

One of the great ironies in the modern Jewish experience is the ambiguous role which France has played in that history. In 1791, in the wake of the French Revolution, France granted its Jewish citizens what would be regarded today as civil rights. A decade and a half later Napoleon's famous Sanhedrin extended and confirmed those new found rights and privileges.

Despite these enlightened gestures, French Jews have not enjoyed an especially serene sojourn in the land of Racine and Voltaire. Base anti-semitism in literature, journalism and politics has surfaced regularly in the last two centuries and erupted with particular fury during the Dreyfus affair and the Vichy years.

After the Holocaust, as University of Toronto professor Henry Weinberg notes in his *The Myth of the Jew in France 1967-1982* (Mosaic), the situation seemed to have changed. Knowledge of what French Jews had suffered during the Holocaust, the creation of the State of Israel, French anxieties over their colonies in North Africa, among other factors, promoted among Frenchmen a certain solidarity with Israel and the Jewish people.

This reviewer remembers being in Israel in 1958 when the most popular member of the foreign diplomatic corps was the French ambassador. The fact that France was Israel's main arms supplier during this period helped to cement bilateral French-Israeli relations — with the additional result that French Jews enjoyed a certain popularity in France.

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The honeymoon ended abruptly in 1967 when, for geopolitical reasons, France began to disengage from its colonial holdings. Soon France became an ardent fan of the Arabs, and suddenly long suppressed anti-semitism surged to the centre of the French body politic.

It is Weinberg's contention that the catalytic agent in the sudden reversal of French attitudes towards Israel and Jews was General Charles de Gaulle. It was on Nov. 27, 1967, five months after the Six Day War, that de Gaulle uttered his infamous remarks about the Jews being an "elite, domineering and self-assured people."

According to Weinberg, in his meticulously researched and documented study, the imprimatur given by de Gaulle to baseless, anti-semitic slanders opened the floodgates for a whole series of outrageous anti-Jewish activities.

In his survey of France during the 15 years which form the focus of his book, Weinberg conducts a careful audit of the French press, government circles, and various political factions across the spectrum. The portrait he paints is not one calculated to cultivate faith in the nation which at one time incarnated the idea of justice.

This should not come as a surprise. Prof. Weinberg functions in his book as a critic of French society and not its cheerleader. One senses that the firmness of his critical approach comes from his genuine admiration for French civilization, for that "certain idea of France with all its grandeur," that de Gaulle invoked during more illuminating moments in his autobiography.

While all parts of Weinberg's essay are instructive, his sections on the French press are especially important because after de Gaulle's infuriating descent into anti-semitic stereotypes it was the French media which transformed itself into willing conduits of the new anti-Jewish venom.

Perhaps the most serious violation of journalistic integrity was committed by Le Monde, France's most prestigious daily newspaper. Weinberg's dissection of the anti-Israel and anti-semitic materials which that paper published is chilling. It is as if the New York Times suddenly were to begin to lend credence to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

De Gaulle's anti-semitic rhetoric legitimated, according to Weinberg, a torrent of abusive commentary on Israel and Jews. It was translated into the release of Abu Daoud, one of the terrorist thugs implicated in the Munich massacres, and expressed in the bombings of Jewish restaurants, synagogues and other institutions. When the 1982 invasion of Lebanon occurred, anti-Jewish agitation reached fever pitch.

Weinberg's reconstruction of a dreary period in French-Jewish relations is executed with much stylistic aplomb and gains through the avoidance of any stridency. The accumulation of facts which he brings to bear, however, results in a powerful analysis of a recent period in French-Jewish history.

Opinion

Getting to know Palestinians through biographies

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The first biographical dictionary on leading Palestinian figures has been compiled by an Israeli team of scholars at the Hebrew University.

Scheduled for publication in 1988 by New York University Press, the dictionary will contain 180 entries on Palestinians from the late Ottoman period to the present.

The biographies will range in length from several hundred words to 5,000, depending on the importance of the subject. According to co-editor Alexander Bligh, the longest ones will be on Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and Haj Amin al-Husseini, the late mufti of Jerusalem.

Bligh, a lecturer in Middle East history, co-edited the dictionary in conjunction with Moshe Maoz, a professor of Islamic and Middle East studies.

It was financed by private donations and the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, on Mt. Scopus. Cost of the dictionary was $100,000.

Bligh, until recently a visiting professor of political science at the University of Toronto, said no dictionary of its kind exists today. The closest such publications in the Arab world list prominent Arab personalities, but not Palestinian Arabs exclusively.

Asked why the Hebrew University undertook the task, Bligh explained that the Harry S. Truman Research Institute has long held something of a monopoly on Palestinian studies in Israel, while the Shiloah Institute at Tel Aviv University, for example, has dealt with the Arab states.

"It was the most obvious place for such research," noted Bligh, referring to the Hebrew University.

Looking at it from a wider point of view, he said: "For us, this is a vital question, to get to know the Palestinians better. It is a must for us."

Bligh said it would have been "more difficult" for the PLO-supported, Kuwait University-affiliated Institute of Palestine Studies to have published such a dictionary.

Given the fierce factionalism within the PLO, Palestinian scholars would probably have had to leave out Palestinians no longer in favor with the current PLO leadership, he suggested.

And, he added, they might have had to delete the names of Palestinians opposed to Arafat's leadership, such as Abu Nidal, and pro-Jordanian or pro-Israeli Palestinian leaders as well.

Bligh said that the dictionary he and Maoz have produced is bias free. Value judgments have been banned and "colorless terminology" has been employed. The 1948 War of Independence is called the 1948 war; phrases like "occupied territories" or "administered territories" are conspicuously absent; the term "terrorist activities" is used only to refer to acts against civilians rather than military personnel.

Moreover, unsubstantiated information has been completely eliminated. "We list the facts in a straight-forward way," Bligh said. "And, when necessary, we make some observations."

When he became involved in the project, two years ago, there were 2,000 Palestinian names on file. But financial and publishing constraints forced the editors to cut back drastically.

In the end, they settled on a compromise. They would collect facts on a total of 500 Palestinians, whether dead or alive, and prepare profiles on 180, with the hope that the remainder would be included in future publications.

Sixty percent of the names cover the period from 1948 to the present. Among them are top-ranking PLO leaders — members of the central committee, major department heads, overseas representatives, Palestinians in Jordan, and people involved in Palestinian affairs from Iraq to the U.S.

As for the pre-1948 era, the dictionary lists mayors, newspaper publishers and editors, religious dignitaries and heads of political and armed groups.

Each entry is based on interviews and secondary sources. Bligh said that about 100 Arabs consented to be interviewed. PLO leaders did not figure in any of the interviews. Asked why, he smiled sardonically, saying, "I don't know."

Twenty Hebrew University students, some of whom were Arabs, carried out the actual research. The writers, besides Blight and Maoz, were Israeli academics and retired diplomats.

Bligh admits that, at the outset, more than a few Arabs greeted the project with a measure of skepticism and suspicion. "It may have looked as if we were doing something they could not benefit from, something that would reflect an Israeli bias."

Alexander Bligh

There seems little doubt that a commentary in a major Saudi Arabian newspaper, Al-Majjalah, may have eroded some of the resistance. Commenting on the project, which by now had become common knowledge throughout the Arab world, Al-Majjalah noted that Bligh, as well as Maoz, were objective scholars rather than mere government propagandists.

Bligh also believes that the Saudis may have been impressed with the balanced tone of a book he had written, *From Prince to King: Succession to the Throne in Modern Saudi Arabia*, published by New York University Press in 1984.

In reply to a question, Bligh claims that the Israeli government and its agencies did not contribute to the making of the dictionary. "There was no (Israeli) state participation." He did not approach Israeli security agencies, and, as far as he knows, neither did Maoz.

Nevertheless, Bligh expects Arab criticism of the dictionary. "We are in a state of conflict with the Palestinians," he said. "But I should tell you that several nationalist leaders on the West Bank who asked to see their biographies were, in general, satisfied. They wanted to make some changes and, when we could find corroboration for their revisions, we made them."

Bligh hopes that the dictionary will stimulate the growth of Palestinian studies, in Israel and abroad.

As far as he is concerned, this branch of Middle East studies generally has been neglected, even in Israel.

"We haven't done enough," he said, pointing out that relatively little is known about current Palestinian politics and the interrelationship between the Palestinian movement and Arab governments.

He is, therefore, not surprised that journalists, whether in Israel or elsewhere, are insufficiently informed on Palestinian affairs.

Bligh, personally, considers himself a "realist" with respect to Israel's long dispute with the Palestinians. He said that neither Israel nor Jordan can "coexist" with an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. "It will cause instability." He foresees "some kind of Israeli-Jordanian condominium" over these mainly Palestinian-populated areas.

Bligh, who lives in the West Bank settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, is skeptical that the PLO is the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinians.

"The Palestinians on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip know, in their hearts, that the PLO doesn't represent their interests. A local leadership has to develop.

"The PLO, after more than two decades of existence, has not delivered on its promises. And the PLO, since the 1982 war in Lebanon and its expulsion from Tripoli (Lebanon) in 1983, has lost most of its credibility in the Arab world.

"It's time for the Palestinians to reassess their position."

Having just completed a monograph on King Hussein's world view, Bligh, 38, said that Israel and Jordan "are on the road to a de facto peace."

But he expressed concern that some Israeli leaders may try to force the Jordanian monarch into "an open peace with Israel."

"King Hussein is not ready for this sort of an arrangement, unless, of course, Israel is willing to give back all the (occupied) territories, which I don't foresee at all. He is restrained by just too many internal and external constraints."

To put it another way, King Hussein is no Anwar Sadat. "I would be surprised if he came to Jerusalem."

Kfar Shemaryahu exudes civic pride

By
ROSE KLEINER

JERUSALEM —

Situated just north of Tel Aviv, and next to Herzlia, Kfar Shemaryahu is considered to have the choicest real estate in Israel today. In fact, the village could serve as a model of what a community working together can achieve. Yet this village of 600 families started with very little 50 years ago.

Kfar Shemaryahu was founded by 50 Jewish families, which the Jewish Agency managed to bring out of Germany in 1937. According to Paul Kohn, of the Jerusalem Post, the Agency had an agreement with the German government which allowed the families to leave with 1,000 Palestine pounds. The money was to pay for a farm, 300 chickens for poultry breeding, a barn with three cows, and a small house.

None of the immigrants had any farming experience. Hardly any of them were even Zionists. The village had no roads and no electricity. Even the housing was not completed when they arrived. Transportation was often by donkey.

Determined to overcome the obstacles, the settlers worked long hours, and applied themselves totally to their new life. They established a farming cooperative, a water company, and even a synagogue with their own chevra kadisha.

After the state was founded, the original German Jewish settlers were joined by several waves of new arrivals. In the 1950s came a group from Yugoslavia and a sabra group, which was encouraged by Ben-Gurion to settle in the villages. Later South Africans became part of the community.

After the Haifa-Tel Aviv coastal road opened, the village began to appeal to diplomats and Israelis with the means to pay for its now high real estate costs.

The latest new resident to attract attention in Kfar Shemaryahu arrived at the beginning of 1987. He is a blackrobed, 85-year-old chassidic rabbi, the Admor of Zanz. He apparently wanted to buy a home in the village. Unable to find what he was looking for, he and his family rented a residence with a swimming pool, and tennis court attached, at a price of $5,000 a month.

The village, which has municipal council status, is run by a 7-member council. Judging by the results, they are doing well. They have no debts, and no deficit. Since much of the public work is done by volunteers, the rates in the village are low. Civic pride is such that no fines exist to protect the public areas from being littered.

The village has lovely villas and gardens, with private swimming pools and tennis courts. According to Paul Kohn, they would be quite at home in Beverly Hills.

Kfar Shemaryahu has several noteworthy landmarks. The pulpit of its synagogue, built with the assistance of Sir Isaac Wolfson, was occupied for many years by Rabbi Shmuel Avidor Hacohen, Israel's "TV rabbi."

The village is home to the American International School, which was opened in 1958 by the U.S. state department. Its 450 students, from 45 countries, are children of diplomats, UN personnel and foreign experts.

Another landmark is the elegant, and well maintained, shopping centre at the edge of the village.

As part of its jubilee year celebrations, Kfar Shemaryahu's 37 surviving original settlers will be guests of the Knesset. Their hostess will be Shulamit Aloni, one of the best known citizens of this admirable village.

Communal questionnaire confounds me

By
ELAINE KAHN

Last month, one of my many letters from the Lipa Green Building was a questionnaire about community leadership and decision-making in Toronto. Okay — only the mailing label was obviously from the building. The questioner and the organization he represents were supposedly veiled, but anyone in the know enough to receive the mailing would not have any trouble putting two and two together.

This pretense of objectivity was further undercut by the question asking which is the "central Jewish communal" organization for Toronto Jewry. Even those with minimal contact with the Lipa Green know this is the motto of Canadian Jewish Congress (not to mention that the first letter of each word in the slogan, taken together, spells "CJC"). No temptation to write "Peace Now" or "ORT" in the answer space provided is strong enough to conquer such Pavlovian conditioning.

Another question asked for the five most important Jewish organizations in the city. Important to whom? To me? Fine: my kids' day school, my husband's shul and the four or five Jewish organizations that contribute to my "another thousand and we'll wallpaper" fund. I suspect this was not the answer wanted. All of us with CJC/TJC/UJA training understand clearly that synagogues are definitely not in this picture and any answer not completely made up of "UJA," "TJC/CJC" and their agencies is just plain flippant. Sadly.

Which 20 people have the most influence?

The easiest question asked which 20 people, lay or professional, have the most influence in decision-making for the community. One was allowed to include fewer than 20 "if you do not have the full information." I took this to mean "if you do not have handy your list of the TJC/UJA/CJC officers" — I didn't, but have a good head for names and will probably get an A.

The questionnaire said not to hesitate to put your own name down if appropriate — that, as my grandfather says, will be the frosty Friday! I've tried for years to get on to that decision-making path within the Lipa Green community, but have learned it is almost hopeless, because (a) I didn't grow up here, so no one knows my family's tzedaka rating and social status, (b) I didn't go to school/camp/an Israel mission/Lamaze with the "right" people and (c) young women with big mouths and press access are not first-round draft choices for most committees and boards.

I don't see the point of this questionnaire, aside from allowing those who always pat each other on the back to do so again when the results are announced. When once again our leaders will not recognize, and let us in on, the real truth — that, without the emotional/financial/timetabling/social support of their families, they might not be leaders at all.

About two weeks before this fall's Ontario provincial election, a polling firm got my husband on the phone to ask his opinion about some issues. Which issues we will never know because, as soon as the pollster heard my husband was married to someone who worked in the media, she thanked him and hung up. Seems media people are never given access to polls, because God only knows what they would do with the information.

We had a good laugh over their paranoia.

Absence of democratic rule, minimum rule of law to blame

USSR: sad tale of one step forward, two steps back

Country's unsolved "Jewish question" stands as monumental reminder of regime's failure

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Since the kremlin has tried to elevate the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution, that of Nov. 7, 1917, to the centre of world attention, I thought that it would be appropriate to look at the overriding Jewish experience with Soviet rule during the past three score and ten stormy years.

J. B. Salsberg

The bottom line of that experience is, when viewed from a Jewish national standpoint, a sad one.

It is not accidental that 70 years after the revolution, Soviet Jewish citizens in the tens of thousands are struggling and suffering for the right to leave the Soviet Union and to settle in Israel or to join their relatives and friends in other countries.

On the basis of my personal experiences in dealing with this haunting phenomenon inside and outside the Soviet Union and with people in high places in the Russian hierarchy, I believe that in the absence of democratic rule and the minimum rule of law, that in such an atmosphere, there can be no humane and no just solution to any and all economic, social, cultural and national problems that face society.

Soviet dictatorship lies at the bottom of all painfully unsolved problems of the USSR. The unsolved "Jewish question" in the Soviet Union, 70 years after the Communist revolution, stands as a monumental reminder of the failure of dictatorial rule.

Last week's column, in which is recorded a few personal experiences with top Soviet leaders (like Khrushchev, Suslov, etc.), when discussing the "Jewish question" with them, only serve to underline the dangerous course that the Soviet leadership has been following. Stalin's "handling" of the Tartar nation still cries to high heaven.

Little wonder that the 70-year history of the "October revolution" (Nov. 7, 1917 of the modern Russian calendar) is a sad tale of one step forward and two steps back. It is a tale of colossal economic accomplishments, but achieved at frighteningly high human sacrifices.

Little wonder that 70 years after the revolution, there has not been a leader, with the single exception of Lenin, who, when deposed or after death, hasn't been accused of every conceivable crime in the kremlin calendar. . . .

Little wonder that 70 years after the revolution a young leader who has been driven to desperation by the Soviet's current economic and social ills is obliged to battle for "openness," for "orderliness" and for relieving Soviet economic life of a mountain-sized bureaucracy that is plotting against those reforms.

Little wonder that, 70 years after the revolution, the "national question" in the former, czarist "prison of nations" still remains unsolved.

No wonder that 70 years after the revolution the long standing "Jewish question" in the Soviet Union is still not solved!

Of course, there was a horrible legacy of czarist anti-semitism that the new Leninist regime inherited and that, to his credit, Lenin fought at that time. But the "dictatorship of the working class" could not but create social and national antagonisms that frequently resulted in anti-Jewish outbreaks.

The early "concessions" to Jewish minority cultural rights (and they were substantial) quickly turned into their opposite. With Stalin's rise to absolute power, a deadly frost wilted everything and the persecution of the creators, leaders and artistic figures of Soviet Jewish cultural life was pursued with devilish delight by Stalin. **The vision had turned into a ghastly nightmare.**

Even after Stalin's death, Khrushchev, when explaining Stalin's "nyet" to the proposal for settling Jews in the "depopulated" Crimea (see last week's column), added that he "agreed with Comrade Stalin" in his opposition to the settling of Jews in the post-war Crimea because, if that were to happen, the Crimea could, in case of war, "become a place des armes" (a battlefield) with foreign invaders. In other words, Crimean Jews would side with the invaders. . . . The Khrushchev view oozed with anti-Jewish sentiments.

There is more, much more to say on this unhappy topic. But, what with space running out, we shall turn to it now and again in this space. It's a topic that lingers; lingers, puzzles and depresses.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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IRATE RABBI QUITS CONGRESS

It is with regret that I recently resigned from the position of officer at large of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region.

I have long felt that Congress has gone beyond its mandate by involving itself in essentially non-Jewish issues, such as women's rights and the death penalty (both very important issues, but not "Jewish" issues).

Its recent statement regarding Israel's Law of Return, however, is even more serious. Congress claims to be the voice of Canadian Jewry. On religious and/or Israeli political issues it is most clearly not my voice nor, I would suggest, the voice of the majority of Canadian Jews.

There are religious and Zionist groups that people can and do affiliate with to express their views on those issues. Congress is not one of those groups.

I cannot in good conscience continue to be affiliated with an organization that seems to function for its own self-aggrandizement without concern for the constituency that it claims to represent.

Rabbi Mordechai Glick
Montreal

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SLAMS KIDS' FASHION STORY

Re the article in your Oct. 29 Fashion Supplement headed "Today's kids mimic their style-conscious parents":

I was annoyed by the sweeping generalizations made by the writer who seemed to make label-consciousness the very basis for the average child's happiness.

How would he/she know that "few children will accept hand-me-downs or (Heaven forbid!) brand-name knockoffs;" that children "are more careful about what *they* buy" (with whose money?); that clothes "can impress — or equally *turn somebody off;*" that "dressing better makes them look older. And there's nothing any child wants more than to grow up."

Really!

I was also interested to read that "some children are shunned by their classmates simply for not wearing what's in."

Does acceptance or self-esteem only come with labels? Surely there must be other things which "reflect a child's style and personality" besides designer clothing. (Perhaps these duds reflect the parents' style and personality?)

Out-of-towners reading such an article would likely conclude that here in Toronto we are raising a generation of Jewish Canadian Princes and Princesses.

It's particularly distressing to read such a shallow article in a newspaper where we are always being made aware of less privileged Jewish communities elsewhere.

In future issues, please keep this matter in perspective.

Judy Kasman
Toronto

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KIPPA, TALLIT NEVER "OUT"

Re your Nov. 5 article headed "Kippa, tallit 'in' at temple":

I consider it an affront to Judaism that, when Rabbi Dow Marmur, the Reform spiritual guide of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple, allows his congregants to wear a tallis, The CJN considers this whim worthy of front-page coverage.

Please advise Rabbi Marmur that a tallis and kippa were *always* a badge of Jewish identity and characteristic of Jewish worship used uninterrupted by Jews for the past 3,000 years.

Regrettably, the "Who Is A Jew" issue is also treated merely as another pawn in the personal struggle among Reform leadership. But with irreversible consequences. When, in 20 years, Reform leaders will recognize the chaos they have created, will they be able to put the proverbial toothpaste back in the tube?

Ira Rosler
Thornhill, Ont.

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TAKE A BOW, EMUNAH

On Oct. 21 I attended a symposium organized by Emunah on Women and Prayer. Three rabbaniot, Miriam Hauer, Gittel Kaufman and Phyllis Kramer, presented a much enlightening approach to the subject.

I would like to compliment Emunah on this event. It is remarkable that a small group of volunteers have managed, in a few weeks, without bureaucracy, without money, without help from anywhere, to mount such a symposium and to attract over 130 participants.

This provides a welcome signal that dedication and competence can overcome scarcity of means.

Prof. Julien Bauer
Montreal

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LAUDS "YEAR IN REVIEW"

I had occasion to read the New Year's edition of your excellent paper.

For an American, the Year in Review by Cynthia Gasner not only provided an excellent review of the international news, but provided a keen insight of the Canadian Jewish community as well.

It was a revelation to really know what our northern neighbors are doing and accomplishing, particularly in the areas of hate propaganda and war criminals. Thank you.

Seymour Friedman
North Miami Beach

THEY DEFY FREE TRADE

Toronto's Massey Hall will become a national Town Hall at 8 p.m. on Nov. 25 when the Coalition Against Free Trade is sponsoring there a night *In Defiance Of Free Trade.*

Concerned and angry Canadians will tell each other what they are doing now, and will plan further coordinated action, including the forcing of an election. This will be an event to remember! All those who care about the future of Canada are urged to attend.

Jewish publisher Mel Hurtig was among noted Canadians speaking at In Defiance of Free Trade rally.

Your readers will be interested to know that the featured speakers from across Canada will include Margaret Atwood, Bob White, Marjorie Cohen, Mel Hurtig, Rick Salutin, Erika Ritter, Farley Mowat and Adrienne Clarkson.

Tickets are priced at $5. For further information your readers may phone (416) 534-3523.

Joanne Smale
Toronto

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"THE ANGEL OF BELSEN"

As a roving editor for the Reader's Digest, I hope your readers will help me on my journalistic search.

In 1945-46 an RCAF officer, S/L Ted Aplin of Toronto, was stationed at Celle, Germany, with a postwar disarmament group. While there, he devoted all his energies to getting food and clothing to the survivors of the infamous Belsen concentration camp, and to helping reunite them with relatives.

For this, he became known in Jewish communities around the world as "The Angel of Belsen."

Among those whom he helped was a Jane Schwarz, who later came to Canada and was, I'm told, married in Montreal.

Would anyone knowing her whereabouts, or having any recollections of the late Ted Aplin and his work, please contact me? I am writing his story.

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CALLS ORTHODOX CRITIC VENOMOUS

Re the Nov. 5 letter by Robert David Katz headed "Slams Orthodox Council":

This irrational condemnation of the Vaad Harabonim (Toronto's Council of Orthodox Rabbis) painfully exhibits a deep-rooted hatred for Orthodox Jews.

Perhaps it is futile to even respond to the venomous denunciation of the collective Orthodox community.

While the writer of the letter purportedly addressed his opinion of the position taken by the Vaad on the issue of the Law of Return, his clear misunderstanding of the issue led him quickly astray to spew out a malicious diatribe against Orthodox Judaism.

To suggest that a hypothetical annihilation of less observant Jews would "spark no concern from Vaad Harabonim or the Orthodox community" is a ludicrous suggestion. It truly hits below the belt.

The greatest anguish that Orthodoxy deals with today is the loss of Jewry to assimilation. If the spiritual loss of these Jewish souls is a number 1 priority among Orthodoxy, how can Katz dare suggest that Orthodoxy would turn a blind eye to the physical annihilation of their brothers?

Perhaps it is even trite to point out that most members of the Vaad are deeply involved in helping persecuted Jews, regardless of their level of religiosity, throughout the world.

Furthermore, many of the large donors and active members of the CJC, TJC, and UJA are Orthodox Jews.

This by no means denigrates the tremendous contributions and involvement of Conservative or Reform Jews. However, Orthodox Jews always have helped, and always will continue to help, their fellow Jews, regardless of their level of observance.

Zev Rosenblum
Toronto

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DEPLORES NON-KOSHER MEAL

The Israel Economic Mission, in connection with the Israel Trade Commission, invited Canadian businessmen to a breakfast on Nov. 4 for the promoting of Israel Food Week scheduled for Feb. 8.

Unfortunately, the breakfast served was non-kosher, although I have to admit that the Commission went out of its way to order some kosher breakfasts for some guests.

When an affair is held that uses Israel's name, there is a clear implication that the meal to be served will be kosher.

Herman Landau
Toronto

National

Impressed by members' creativity

President dedicated "because of work we do"

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Hadassah-WIZO president from outside Ontario or Quebec.

Once chairman for the BC and Alberta region of the United Jewish Appeal, among other chairmanships, Frankenburg has proven to be a successful fund raiser for Hadassah-WIZO as well. She was chairman of its Forty Founding Nation-Builders Endowment Program, which has reached its goal of 40 contributors of $25,000 each.

Frankenburg founded and chaired the Lower Mainland Parent and Child Therapy Society, an organization doing pioneering research and rehabilitation work in child abuse. She is the recipient of a Human Relations Award from the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Vancouver Council president Ruth Freeman said Frankenburg "is without equal among women fund raisers and organizers in Vancouver and among the top dozen when compared to men."

Although she made no concession speech, Terry Rosenberg, who takes pride in being the descendant of the Finkelstein family who settled in Western Canada in 1882 and were early Zionists, told The Canadian Jewish News "win or lose, she would continue to serve the organization very well."

Under the Hadassah-WIZO constitution, all that is required of a member to run for president is 10 endorsing signatures, two from each of the five regions. Rosenberg was nominated from the floor by the Winnipeg Council.

In other business at the convention, it was decided to embark on two new projects: the construction of an ophthalmological centre at Asaf Harofe Hospital, near Tel Aviv, and of an auditorium at the Netanya Day Centre. The extension of funding for post-doctoral scholarships at Hebrew University in computer science and the study of anti-semitism was also approved.

It was announced that Hadassah-WIZO will establish bursaries at universities across Canada offering women's studies programs to mark the organization's 70th anniversary.

Delegates rejected a proposed amendment to the constitution which would have created a "prestigious" category of membership for $500. The main objection was that there is no place for "elitism" within Hadassah-WIZO, the largest Jewish women's organization in Canada.

Outgoing president Peters, who will formally hand over the gavel to Frankenburg during the organization's current tour of Israel, counted among the highlights of her term the convening of the first national conference for younger members in Toronto this year.

This year's 70th anniversary celebrations, she said, have been "designed to restimulate our membership and to encourage new members and fund raising activities on behalf of our projects in Israel."

Demands on Hadassah-WIZO's resources are constantly increasing, Peters said. "As we become more successful and our schools and centres assist more people, we are expected to go on to the next step, to serve more of the disadvantaged, to be more innovative and creative, to add still more facilities."

More than 400 of the conventioneers went on to Israel from Montreal.

After reading a card from recently released Refusenik Ida Nudel, Peters reminded members of the thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union who still wish to emigrate.

Hadassah-WIZO bestowed its highest citation, the Rebecca Sieff Award named for the organization's founder, on two men — Claude Lanzmann, the French producer and director of Shoah, the epic documentary on the Holocaust, and McGill law professor and human rights advocate Irwin Cotler.

Honorary national president Neri Bloomfield said of Shoah: "At a moment in history when remnants of the Nazi scourge are once again attempting to raise their foul calumnies against our people, Claude Lanzmann's incontrovertible statement stands, as it will for all time, as the indictment of that ultimate inhumanity to which Israel has provided the only answer."

House of Commons Speaker John Fraser, who last April hosted a Hadassah-WIZO delegation on Parliament Hill, was presented with the Canadian Award. He will make an official visit next month to Israel, his third.

David Crombie, secretary of state and minister responsible for multiculturalism, and Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh brought greetings from, respectively, the governments of Canada and Israel at the convention opening. Toronto area Member of Parliament Bill Attewell led an interfaith breakfast for Soviet Jewry.

Truly a national organization, Hadassah-WIZO regional reports showed chapters are active in 26 cities and towns in nine provinces. The membership is not aging either, thanks to Saskatoon, which brings the average right down. There, a chapter for girls aged 8 to 12 has been formed.

At the other extreme, 91-year--old Fanny Samuels of Vancouver was one of the 50-year or more members honored at the convention. She is still active.

Document obstacle ends for Soviet hunger striker

By BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —

Weak but joyful, Soviet hunger striker Anna Kholmiansky ended a 24-day fast in her Moscow apartment last week after her father signed a document releasing her of financial obligations.

Kholmiansky, 27, needed the document to apply with her computer scientist husband, Alexander, 37, and 5½-month old daughter, Dora, for permission to emigrate to Israel.

"I can tell you I was screaming and yelling for joy when I heard the news," said Genya Intrator, who telephoned Alexander in the Soviet Union.

The Kholmianskys are hopeful they will soon be permitted to emigrate to Israel, Intrator said. Soviet authorities have said the document was their only obstacle.

They would like to leave with Alexander's parents, Rozaliak Cherniak and Grigory Kholmiansky, who have already been given the go-ahead by Soviet authorities, she said.

They want to rejoin Alexander's brother, Michael, who moved with wife, Oxana, to Jerusalem this fall.

Intrator — who called the Kholmianskys in Moscow on behalf of the Russian-speaking Sholom Aleichem Lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada — said Anna lost 11 kilograms during her hunger strike. She stopped nursing her infant daughter before fasting and Dora appears unharmed by the ordeal.

Anna went on the hunger strike because her father had refused to sign a document releasing her from all financial obligations to him.

In what Intrator calls a Soviet "ploy" to make emigration more difficult, new people wanting to apply to leave must first obtain financial release documents from certain immediate relatives remaining in the Soviet Union.

If the relatives refuse, authorities can delay people from leaving, saying the problem is purely domestic. Officials can also use the ploy to claim they allow people to leave, but there are no applicants, she said.

"It's a problem for many Refuseniks," said Intrator, B'nai B'rith's national advisor on Soviet Jewry.

In fact, shortly after Anna ended her hunger strike, the Kholmianskys held a press conference on the issue. They were joined by several other Refusenik families, whose relatives are still denying the release documents.

Foreign news media — including reporters from Reuters, French Press, Chicago Tribune, Associated Press, United Press International and the Dutch Press — attended the conference at the Kholmiansky's tiny 1-bedroom apartment which is shared with Alexander's elderly parents.

Intrator — who left the Soviet Union when she was seven years old — said it isn't known precisely why Anna's father refused to sign the financial release document. Even before they were married he warned them he would never give his permission.

However, it's believed he didn't want his daughter to leave, becoming vindictive when asked to sign the document.

"There are many parents and former spouses that will not give that releasing document."

Intrator said the Kholmianskys are grateful for the foreign press' publicity of their case.

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The Jewish Quiz

QUESTIONS:

1. Which American rabbi went down with SS Dorchester, together with three other World War II chaplains, after handing their life belts to troops aboard the ship?
2. What communal settlement was erected in Palestine in honor of French Premier Leon-Andre Blum?
3. Which kibbutz in Northern Israel is named after David Lloyd George who was the British prime minister when the Balfour Declaration was issued?

Edmond Y. Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. Rabbi Alexander D. Goode.
2. Kefar Blum in Northern Galilee.
3. Ramat David.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish-quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o The Canadian Jewish News.

To the

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Koffler elected Weizmann Institute chairm

By
KEN SCHACHTER

REHOVOT — Murray Koffler was elected to a 3-year term as board chairman of the Weizmann Institute last Tuesday, but by Wednesday the blaze of photographers' flashes and the toasts had faded to just memories.

"Yesterday was all the glamor," the Canadian businessman said. "Now, they want to know, 'What have you done for me today?' "

Indeed, the Weizmann Institute will be depending on Koffler to do quite a lot in the coming days. The board chairman serves as a kind of fiscal custodian for the institute, and Koffler takes on the job at a time of governmental austerity and global economic uncertainty.

Koffler, the founder of the Superpharm chain in Israel and the Shoppers Drug Mart chain in North America, maintained he's "optimistic" about the institute's prospects. But he also acknowledged some major hurdles ahead.

Chief among these will be trying to cut the institute's $18 million deficit and convince the government to increase its budgetary support.

"We have to attempt to persuade the government that science is one of the major contributors to the culture of the country and without maintaining a leading role, we will be in danger of losing some of our finest scientists," he said.

"We have to be able to impress on the government," he continued, "the need to have the level of government support be at least equal to that in other developed nations."

Slackening support is reflected in the fact that, a decade ago, the government provided more than 50% of the institute's operating budget, whereas now it's closer to 35%, he said.

Koffler acknowledged he faces changing economic circumstances and hinted that cutbacks might be required in the institute's $70 million operating budget, if a full-fledged recession develops.

Aside from managing the institute's fiscal affairs and soliciting government aid, Koffler also will be charged with coordinating the work of the 27 international committees involved with fund raising abroad.

In this, Koffler is singularly qualified through the philanthropic services he has performed over the years. The list, literally, is too long to mention. But among his roles have been: founder of the Koffler Centre of the Arts in Toronto; chairman of the Canadian Council for Christians and Jews; UJA chairman during the Yom Kippur War; founding chairman of the Canadian Council on Drug Abuse, and creator of the Canadian Council for Native Business, which strives to boost the economic standing of Canadians of Indian and Eskimo origin.

Admits error

VIENNA (JTA) — Former Chancellor Bruno Kreisky of Austria has admitted he erred when he proposed Kurt Waldheim for the office of United Nations secretary general in the early 1970s.

The World Jewish Congress reports that Kreisky told a packed lecture audience at a Vienna concert hall that he had failed to gather detailed information about Waldheim's Nazi past.

Kreisky, a leader of the Austrian Socialist Party and a non-practicing Jew, served as chancellor from 1970-83. Waldheim was elected president of Austria in July 1986, having served as UN secretary-general from 1972-82.

He hinted that the United States and the Soviet Union, which both supported Waldheim for secretary-general, knew more about his past than he had.

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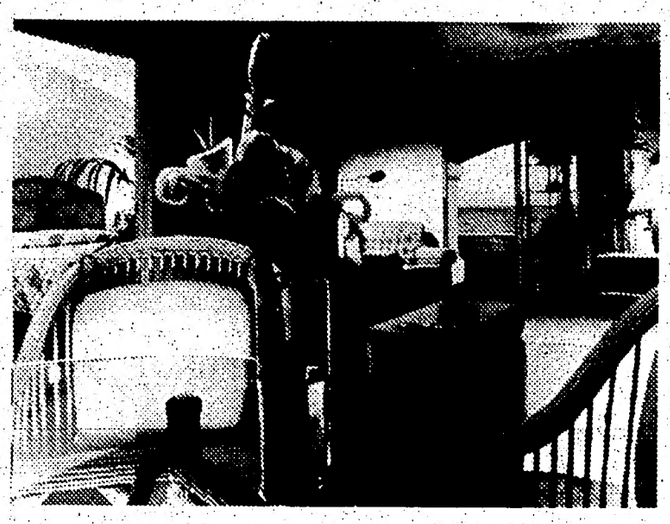

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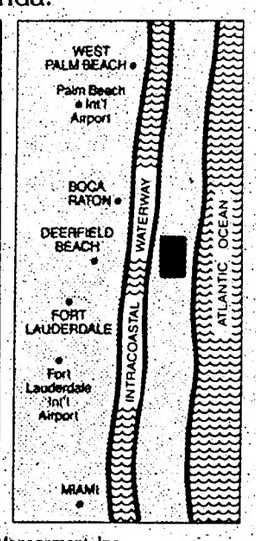

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National

erzog tells American Jews of need for aliya

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When he spoke the next day before some 150 American Jewish leaders, he stressed the need for greater aliya, and the plight of the oppressed Jewish communities in the Soviet Union, Syria and Ethiopia. Unlike the other speeches in Washington, this was clearly a Jewish speech designed for a Jewish audience.

Herzog is no stranger to the United States. He knows how to speak to Americans. In the early 1950s, he served in Washington as the Israeli embassy's military attache. Some 20 years later, he spoke for Israel at the United Nations. In between, he completed two tours of duty as chief of military intelligence. And during all those various experiences, he established close personal friendships with many influential Americans — Jews and non-Jews alike. In Washington, there was a reunion of sorts. Among Israeli spokesmen, he has a first-class reputation in America.

He wanted to take full advantage of that personal stature during this visit by elevating Israel's image, which in recent years has been tarnished. As President, of course, he is restricted in terms of his ability to speak freely on all of the key issues of the day. But he neatly overcame that problem by stressing the consensus issues supported by virtually all of the major political parties. In fact, he turned that handicap into an advantage. He could take the high road.

"There is unanimity in our country as to the desire for peace and direct negotiations," he told the more than 200 guests attending the Shultz luncheon at the state department. "As you, Mr. Secretary, know, we have a national debate regarding the modalities of the peace process and the best means to pursue it. But no one — no one in Israel — wants ever again to go to war, or to have to send their children to war."

Later, in his address to Congress, he said: "We have never achieved any advance without negotiations. We have never negotiated with our Arab neighbors without achieving an advance. This is our message, and hence the unanimous desire of our people for negotiations. There may be differences of opinion as to procedures and modalities, but not as to the vital necessity of achieving peace through direct negotiations. On this, our people are united."

At the state department, Herzog was generous in his expressions of gratitude to Shultz for having personally helped Israel so extensively in recent years. He cited, for example, the secretary's deep involvement in strengthening the Israeli economy.

"Mr. Secretary," he said, "your involvement has been a many faceted one; and with your encouragement, our national unity government was able to achieve what seemed at times to be an impossibility." Shultz was visibly pleased by the compliments.

In discussing the overall Arab-Israeli peace process, Herzog repeatedly demonstrated his inherent optimism. Thus, he stressed the positive aspects of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty. "Furthermore," he added, "moderate countries in the Middle East, such as Jordan, Morocco and others, have implied that they accept the principle of direct negotiations."

And even in acknowledging the slow pace of the peace process and the continuing wave of violence in the territories, he sought to put an upbeat spin on the behind-the-scenes developments in Arab-Israeli coexistence, or what Herzog called "the pragmatic day-to-day progress created by the requirements of daily life."

Aware of Shultz's own commitment to improving the quality of life for the Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation, Herzog declared: "What the world does not realize is that two populations — Jewish and Arab — are living with each other. I am not talking about the Arab and Druse citizens of Israel who constitute 17% of our population and who are an important political element in the fabric of our society. Their representatives sit in most of the political parties in the Knesset, from the Likud to the Communist Party. Druse and Bedouin officers and soldiers serve and command in the Israel Defence Forces. We have a Druse general and some six Druse brigade commanders in our armed forces. Here in the U.S., for example, one of our consuls-general is an Arab, and a Druse member sits in our UN delegation.

"I am talking about the Arab population in the Judea and Samaria districts of the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. Some months ago, I received over 30 Arab mayors from the Gaza Strip who were on a study tour and seminar in Jerusalem for a long discussion. I receive regularly leading Arab citizens in the West Bank and Gaza. After all, 50% of the Jordanian parliament is returned to this day by the citizens of the West Bank and it is not unusual for some of its leading members to call on me."

After conceding that very serious problems remain unresolved and that the Palestinians do not accept the present situation by any means, Herzog insisted that they, themselves, have been unable to speak or act freely in the search for peace. "They live, unfortunately, under the shadow of the gunman," he said. "This has always been the tragedy of the Palestinian people. What they will say to you privately, which at times makes me very hopeful, they would not dare to express publicly for fear of assassination."

Herzog recalled that a group of Palestinian leaders from the territories had refused — at the last minute — to even meet with Shultz during the secretary's recent visit to Jerusalem. The President quoted one of those Palestinians as having privately told him when asked why: "You sir, have never gone to bed feeling that you may wake up in the morning with a bullet in your head."

In Congress, Herzog delivered a warm message of appreciation to the United States. "Thanks to your aid," he said, "my small country is capable of defending all that you stand for in terms of human freedom and dignity in an area buffeted by the winds of extremism and fanaticism. . . . Never in history has a nation given to mankind in so unselfish a manner what the American people have made available to the world."

Next month, Herzog is scheduled to announce whether he will seek a second term as President. Some of his decisions may have caused controversy inside Israel. But in clearly strengthening Israel's international image, he has been an asset during this first term of office — as was very evident in Washington.

By all accounts, top Reagan administration officials and Congressional leaders — as well as Israel's best friends in the Jewish community — were impressed. Some even wondered aloud whether Herzog could one day emerge as Israel's Prime Minister.

Forum told of torture and rape

WASHINGTON — Chilling reports of torture, rape and imprisonment were presented by Jewish victims of Arab oppression at a recent hearing here on the abuses of human and civil rights in Arab lands.

Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg presided at the quasi-judicial hearing, which took place at the third international conference of the World Organization of Jews from Arab Countries (WOJAC).

Some 300 delegates from the United States, Israel and 11 other countries took part in the conference.

Under questioning by Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations — coordinator of the WOJAC meeting — a 31-year-old woman who now lives in Tel Aviv testifed to four days of terror she endured as a 13-year-old schoolgirl in Iraq.

She told how she was abducted from school by three men, blindfolded and taken by car to a torture chamber that she said was notorious for being "reserved exclusively for Jews."

After several hours alone in a dank, blood-covered cell, she was confronted by her inquisitors who demanded that she sign a paper admitting that her father, a prosperous manufacturer, was an Israeli spy.

"Every time I answered, 'I can't do that, it's not true,' I was beaten," the woman testified. They struck me with sticks studded with nails. They tortured me with ice water and with boiling water. Every part of my body turned black and blue.

"For three days the beatings and torture continued," she said, "but I would not give in."

Then the leader told his colleagues, "Here is a Jewish girl. She is a virgin. Have fun with her."

"Five men raped me repeatedly until I lost consciousness," the witness testified.

"The next day," she continued, "they told me, 'If you mention one word of what happened, you and all your family will be killed.' Then they placed me in a mail sack and dumped me at the doorstep of my home."

Several months later, after paying bribes of $22,000 per person to some Kurdish neighbors, the family was smuggled to freedom. Her father's business, which employed 400 workers, was expropriated by the Iraqi government.

Along with other witnesses questioned by Shimon Shetreet, professor of law at Hebrew University, the Baghdad-born woman underscored these four major points:

- Jews who left Arab countries are true refugees who were driven from their homes.
- There has been massive confiscation of Jewish-owned property in Arab lands.
- Large numbers of Jews were subjected to arbitrary arrest, imprisonment and torture.
- Jews are still denied permission to emigrate from most Arab lands, in contravention of international law and the charter of the United Nations. Morocco, which treats its Jewish subjects with respect, is an exception.

In his summation before Justice Goldberg, Abram called on the U.S. government, which recently restored full diplomatic relations with Syria, to demand that all 5,000 Jews be permitted to leave the country, "with all their property."

The Name Game

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Organizations and People

"Mind boggling" technology

Doctor looks at genetic engineering optimistically

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Genetic engineering will revolutionize life as we know it, but the world will benefit if it is handled carefully.

This was the optimistic view of Dr. Fred Lowy expressed at a symposium recently on Ethics and Biotechnology at the Park Plaza hotel sponsored jointly by the Canadian Technion Society and the Canadian chapter of the Israel Medical Association.

Within the next year, one of 12 medical institutions being considered will get the green light to use gene transfer to treat a group of single gene hereditary diseases which result from inborn errors of metabolism, Lowy said.

"It is now possible to transfer genes from one person to another," said Lowy, who is former dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Toronto.

The prospect of gene transfer, especially when technology not yet available catches up, is "mind boggling," and "frightening," he said, adding that in the last 10 years science fiction has come true.

Speaking of other problems raised by medical technology, Lowy noted that an Orthodox rabbi in the U.S. has approved the use of pigskin in heart transplant operations. "No doubt this will be challenged," he said.

Lowy said he considered the idea of using technology to choose the sex of a baby, or its IQ, as "abhorrent."

"Academically I have all the answers and morally I have no answers," said Dr. David Barzilai, professor of endocrinology, at the Technion, who made a special trip from Israel to be at the well attended symposium.

Posed difficult questions

The Israeli scientist posed the most difficult questions to the other three panel members as he surveyed the future of medical technology.

One ominous development, he said, is the decision of authorities in England that no one over 55 should be admitted to an intensive care unit or considered for a kidney transplant.

But Dr. Vivian Rakoff, director of the Clarke Institute, said that move is no different than what the Inuit did in leaving their elderly relatives to die.

Morris Manning, a Toronto lawyer, tended to be optimistic about the situation. "We will be able to produce a race of Einsteins providing us with keys to life and the universe, or a race of super-people with little brain but lots of brawn," he said. "I think we can make the right choice."

Dr. Max Reis, president of the Technion, was moderator of the symposium which was the highlight of the national convention of the Canadian Technion Society. Dr. Ze'ev Rotstein, chairman of the World Fellowship of the Israel Medical Association, brought greetings on behalf of the 8,000 members and 45 chapters of the Association.

With a budget of $81 million, the Technion is facing a deficit in the current year of $2 million, but it is in good shape compared to the universities in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Reis said.

A deficit is not healthy but it is not a catastrophe considering that the Technion has endowments of $100 million, he said.

Responding to a question from his luncheon audience, the Technion president said there is a brain drain from Israel, "but it is not as high as we think." A total of 85% of Technion graduates find jobs in Israel, he said. "In a small country it is difficult to match the number of graduates with the capacity of the country to absorb them."

In response to another query, he said he was unaware of any move to limit the number of overseas students.

Confidence that the Technion will continue to contribute more leaders to Israeli life than any other university in the country was expressed by David Azrieli, who was re-elected as president of the Canadian Technion Society.

Jack Chisvin was named chairman of the board of directors, and Eugene Stearns as Honorary Life Chairman of the board.

New members of the board of diectors are: Eastern Region: Paul Bregman, Ruth Miller and Daniel Monson, Ottawa; Central Region: Murray Belzberg, David Buck, Jerry Friedman, Ronnie Faust, Harry Kichler, Adam Buck, Arthur Stevens and Dr. Vivian Rakoff, Toronto; Western Region: Sandor Gutman, Ruth Matas and Ron Rosenblat, Winnipeg; Harvey Cohen, Harold Morris, and Eileen Narod, Vancouver.

USDS expansion breaks new ground

TORONTO —

The official ground breaking ceremony for the new Bayview campus of United Synagogue Day School at Beth Tikvah Synagogue will be held at 9.30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26. Members of the community are cordially invited to attend.

The extension to the existing synagogue and school building is expected to open in September, 1988 and will provide the equivalent of 15 new classrooms and expanded computer labs and library. The Bayview campus will offer classes from preschool to grade 8.

Support from parents, alumni, and the sponsoring Conservative synagogues has resulted in USDS reaching the $2 million mark towards a goal of $3 million to finance the expansion needed to accommodate increased enrolment.

USDS has been expanding on all fronts: at the Bayview campus, the Bathurst campus at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, and at a new addition, the Richmond Hill Campus to be located at Shaareh Haim Synagogue. USDS' facility at its Bathurst Campus is being renovated and refurbished.

The Richmond Hill site is a response to the northern movement of the Jewish community. A nursery is currently in operation there and junior kindergarten will be added next year.

The Bayview campus groundbreaking is to be followed by a program by the students, and by refreshments.

Sunnybrook to be in court on Sunday laws

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Sunnybrook food store was scheduled to be in court this week on charges it violated the Ontario Sunday closing laws.

Sunnybrook general manager David Goodbaum told The CJN the store has been repeatedly charged with violating the Retail Business Holidays Act for operating its Wilmington St. store.

Goodbaum said the law, which limits the size of stores open on Sunday to 10,000 square feet and five employees, "is strictly a case of discrimination."

He said the Wilmington store is closed late Friday and Saturday, because much of its clientele is Orthodox. "We want to service them fully on a Sunday," Goodbaum said.

"We feel the law is wrong. It ought to recognize differences." Goodbaum said the store will pursue the case "as high as necessary in the court system."

New York beckons teens for "Torah Experience"

TORONTO —

Jewish teens from Canada and the United States will gather in New York City during winter vacation for the National Conference of Jewish Youth's New York Torah Experience. The weeklong excursion will begin on Dec. 24 and end on the 29th. The program is open to teens from grades 9-13.

The whirlwind array of activities will include a tour of Manhattan, a shopping trip at Macy's, the world's largest department store, and a Broadway show. The $210 (Cdn.) fee includes the costs of transportation, housing, entertainment, and all activities.

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Gil-Ad dies

TEL AVIV —

Amnon Gil-Ad, who once worked at the Israel Government Tourism office in Toronto, died recently. He was a senior member of the tourism ministry's staff and was known for his charm and warm personality.

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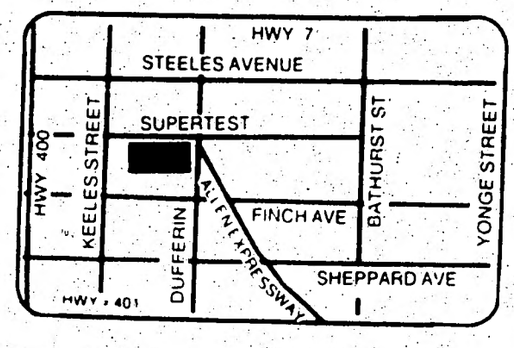

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Organizations and People

Almasy tells his story as victims, veterans honored

By PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO — The small, bespectacled, elderly man had come to the end of his tale. It had been long and, because of the man's heavy European accent, at times difficult to understand. But it had been listened to just as the remarks of the others had been.

Suddenly, the man stopped talking.

"Stand up," he told the audience in the sanctuary of North York's Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. "Stand up, please!" he repeated when the 100 or so people hesitated to do what he asked.

Then, after the men and women — many of them dignitaries and almost all of them in uniform — rose, the small man in the plain, dark suit spoke again.

"Adonai, save the State of Israel!"

With that invocation, 74-year-old Tibor Almasy ended his story of how, in the final year of World War II, he saved the lives of 360 Jewish inmates of a labor camp in Szekesfehervar, Hungary. Just prior to recounting his tale, Almasy had been honored as a Righteous Gentile by the Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

The brief ceremony, during which he was presented with a miniature Torah, climaxed an hour-long service at Shaarei Tefillah recently to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to honor veterans of the two world wars as well as the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and the Israeli War of Independence.

For Almasy, who was a first lieutenant in the Hungarian Army when he saved the inmates' lives, but who now lives in Toronto, the Shaarei Tefillah service was an emotional moment.

Visibly pained, the Hungarian native told how on March 30, 1945, during a Soviet air attack, he disobeyed orders to execute his charges, herding them instead into a building and then pinning a sign to the door that read: "Attention: Typhoid fever."

The ruse worked, said Almasy, who noted that a guard was posted at the door to deter looting German soldiers and that no shots were fired by the Russian liberators.

Earlier in his account, Almasy, who fled to Canada following the Hungarian uprising of 1956, spoke of the thousands of Hungarian Jews put to death during World War II and of Hungary's cruelty toward its Jews.

During the first part of the service, Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaarei Tefillah told the audience that for the privilege today of being able "to walk the streets of freedom," young Canadians owe a "great debt" to those who fought in the war.

But Stern noted it hurt him to realize how few Jewish refugees had been allowed into Canada before and during World War II, but how many Nazi war criminals had been permitted entry after the shooting stopped.

It was up to Jews, Stern added, to ensure that the Mulroney government proceed with all deliberate speed to bring to justice those suspected of war crimes.

Later during the service MP William Attewell (PC-Don Valley East), who brought greetings from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, said that Ottawa, having now made it legal to hold trials for war crimes in Canada, will deal swiftly with those guilty of such offences.

Colonel Glen Brown, commanding officer of Canadian Forces Base Downsview and keynote speaker at the service, criticized those who seem to think that peace can be achieved by de-emphasizing Remembrance Day.

Such groups, he continued, apparently believe that peace can come about solely through a "deglamorization of war" and a de-emphasis of violence.

"Weakness can actually invite aggression," said Brown, adding that if force is to be avoided in settling disputes, peace-loving nations must be able to show that they can retaliate against potential aggressors.

Earlier, Senator David Croll told the audience that No Greater Honour, a video documentary on the role of Jews in Canada's armed forces during World War II, would soon be ready for distribution to schools, libraries and synagogues.

Croll said post commanders of the JWVC would be advised when the video, which cost $100,000 to produce, is available.

The Shaarei Tefillah audience was a kaleidoscope of different uniforms. In addition to Brown and members of the JWVC, there were veterans of the Korean Army and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (South).

There were also representatives of the Metro Toronto Police Department as well as an honor guard from the federal ministry of correctional services.

Representatives of the governments of Israel, France, Britain and the United States were also in attendance.

Members of Jewish War Veterans march to Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

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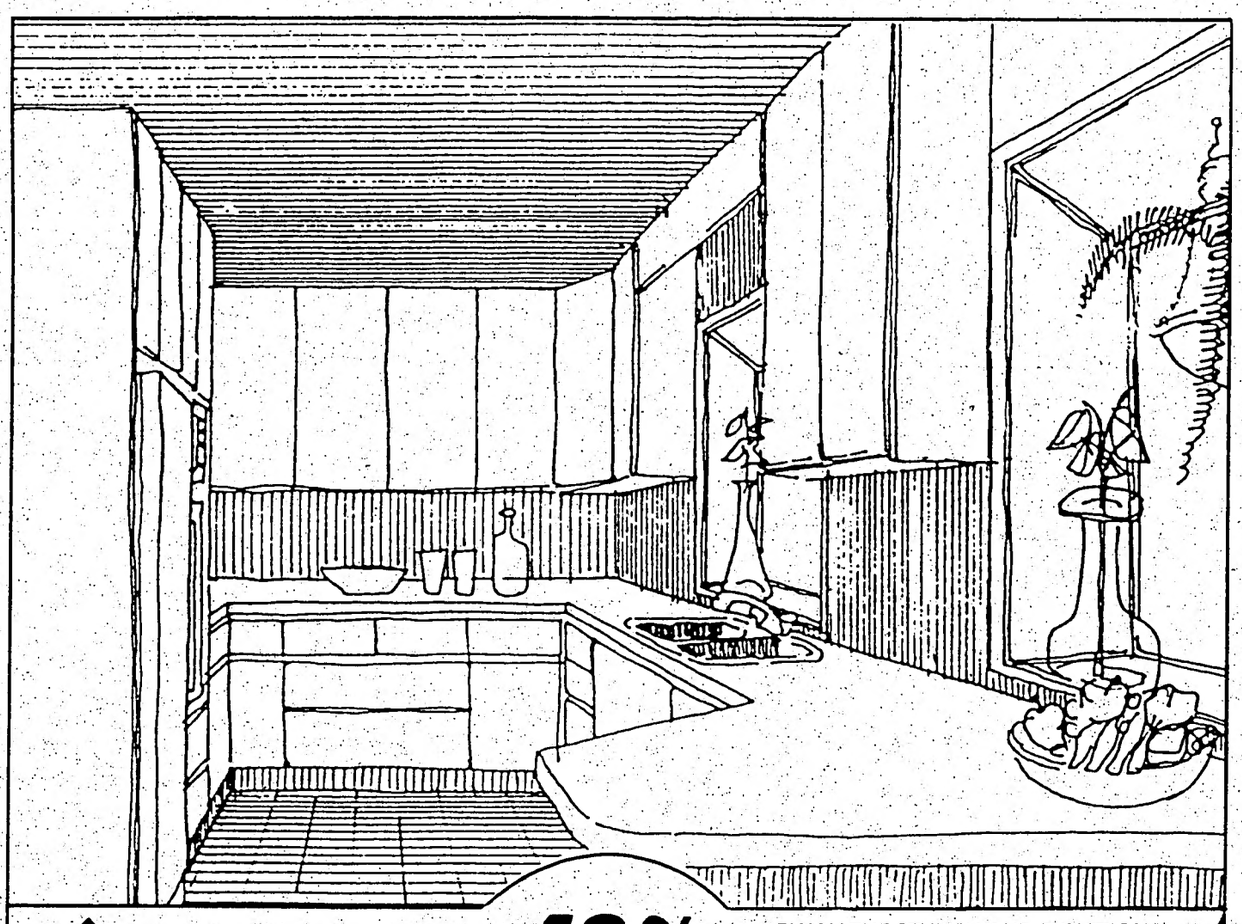

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People reject Judaism out of ignorance: rabbi

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO —
Jewish people rejecting their tradition are doing so out of ignorance, says the founding dean of the Jerusalem-based Ohr Somayach Jewish educational institution which has programs worldwide.

"When we today hear of defection, it's not conscious rejection of our tradition," Rabbi Nota Schiller recently told an inaugural dinner organized by the Canadian Friends of Ohr Somayach.

"It's default. It's ignorance. It's lack of having a choice," he said.

About 630 people attended the $250-a-couple event at the Sheraton Centre.

The dinner was held to honor Ohr Somayach's 11 Toronto charter founders as well as raise funds to be used by Canadian Friends for scholarships for needy students.

Through its educational centres, lectures and outreach programs in Israel, the U.S., England, South Africa and Canada, Ohr Somayach seeks to return Jews to traditional observance.

Rabbi Nota Schiller

Joseph Tanenbaum

Schiller, keynote speaker, told the crowd they live in a time "where knowledge of Judaism has become the precious and crucial requisite to minimal commitment and survival.

Yet it is frightening to think of shunning that knowledge, especially in a country that permits Jews to freely study their heritage, he said.

"When we yet have the opportunity in glorious democracies like Canada and United States, while Jews in Russia are battling and risking their lives to come together and learn Torah secretly in cellars under the eye of police, how frightening it is to think of the lack of utilization and the lack of fulfilment in not realizing that option and that potential," he said.

Schiller, who founded the Ohr Somayach network of schools after meeting honorary president Joseph Tanenbaum in the early 1970s in Toronto, said his years at the institution have been filled with excitement.

"And it began not far from here with a sense of vision that there is no division between secular and religious Jew," Schiller said.

"There's only a Jew who hasn't yet found the opportunity to explore, to taste, to savor the beauty, the excitement, the intensity, the power, the potency of our heritage."

Other speakers during the evening included master of ceremonies Rabbi David Refson, dean of Ohr Somayach's sister school of Neve Yerushalayim in Jerusalem; Rabbi Baruch Taub, of Thornhill's Beth Avraham Yosef Synagogue; Dr. Jonathon Ostroff, an associate professor at York University's computer science department; and Rabbi Shlomo Noach Mandel, director of the Ohr Somayach Jewish Education Program Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Learning in Toronto.

Tanenbaum, 81, rose to thank the crowd for their support.

"You want to believe me, I give money to other institutions all over the world, but this one takes the cake and this one I really enjoy and I hope I will for many many years to come," said the well-known philanthropist and land developer, who provided the initial encouragement and funding for Ohr Somayach.

Rabbi Pinchas Kasnett, director of Ohr Somayach's North American outreach program, read an original poem by Rabbi Schiller.

The poem was about a young boy who, at one time agnostic, visits the grave of his Jewish grandfather and realizes the value of the elderly man's tradition.

A video entitled *Learning to be a Jew* was shown on two giant screens at opposite ends of the ballroom.

The film was about two young Jewish men — a law student and a physician — who explored different avenues of spirituality, and ultimately found it at Ohr Somayach.

At the end of the evening, many of the male guests formed a "friendship circle," singing a song that has come to be known as Ohr Somayach's theme music. The song describes the return to Judaism.

Ohr Somayach Institution Tanenbaum College was founded in Israel in 1972 with five students who studied in rented facilities.

The present campus includes a dormitory, study hall, large modern kitchen and dining facilities, an administrative centre and classroom.

In Toronto, the programs — attracting secular Jews from all backgrounds who are seeking to reconnect to their Jewish roots — are offered at Ohr Somayach's centre at 2939 Bathurst St. Call 785-5899 for more information.

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Clanton Park finishes first

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
For the second time in the past four years, Clanton Park Synagogue has won the Orthodox Shul Baseball League championship.

The bochers from Clanton Park defeated a game squad from Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla two games to one to take the title. After dropping the first game in the best of three slowpitch final by a whopping 31-18 score, Clanton Park came back to take the next two games 13-9 and 3-0.

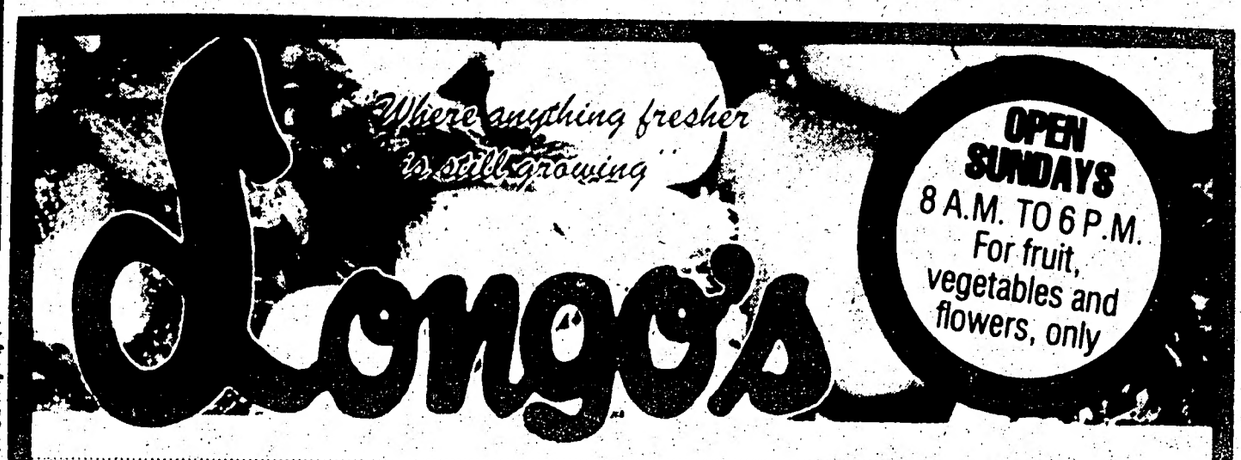
"We tightened up our defence," said Alan Nussbaum, in somewhat understated fashion.

One hundred fifty players on 19 teams representing 14 shuls from North York and Thornhill participated in the league. It was the recreational league's 7th season in operation.

Petah Tikvah made it to the final though finishing only 5th in the regular season standings of Division A. Shomrai Shabos finished 2nd, Torah V'Avodah 3rd, Minyan Sepharade 4th and Petah Tikvah 5th.

Beth Jacob finished atop the B Division, followed by B'nai Torah and Torah Emeth. All eight teams made the playoffs.

Here is the winning team: Mendy Goldman, Ken Greenwald, Alan Weiss, Mark Levy, Alan Noyak, Peter Klein, Brian Rosenbaum, Alan Nussbaum, Barry Green, Marvin Neuman, Sheldon Disenhouse, Michael Lambert, Shmuel Drebin and Milan Phillip.



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Organizations and People

World ORT Union director describes life in Iran

Women in work force termed best volunteers

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

It is the quality of volunteer time donated that matters rather than the quantity, a World ORT Union director told a recent Business and Professional Women's ORT group meeting.

Many organization officials are worried that the increasing numbers of women in the work force will adversely affect the efficiency of charitable groups.

But Parvine Motamed, ORT's U.S. director of operations and former director of ORT Iran says "those who are working and successful will be the best volunteers.

"I am amongst those who are not worried at all," she said.

The announcement by chapter president Karen Rubin that the group had won an award from Toronto Women's ORT for the biggest membership increase over 1986 supported Motamed's words.

She is the first and only female World ORT Union director and has been with the organization since 1956.

Born and educated in Iran, Motamed lived there until 1980 when political turmoil made it impossible to stay.

She told the gathering stories of growing up Jewish and female in a Moslem society, and of the valuable work ORT has done over the years in Iran and around the world.

Motamed praised the ORT members for "giving without knowing who you are helping" and reassured them that the work they do "creates the potential for people to change their destiny."

For Motamed, growing up in Iran meant living under a mixture of Jewish tradition and Moslem law, with strictly defined male-female roles.

"We were not really called second-class citizens but we were," she said.

Her husband helped her to continue her schooling abroad when she was rejected by a teachers' training school because she was Jewish.

Working with ORT Iran, Motamed helped to set up schools and they soon found that parents needed to be educated as much as the children.

Even in Iran, vocational schools were looked at as inferior, an option only chosen when all other doors were closed.

Women were not encouraged to study at all.

"They didn't want them to go to any school, to open their eyes, become resistant," Motamed said.

A high rate of inbreeding in Iranian society bred physical and mental problems in children that ORT schools had to deal with as well.

But the work paid off. When the Iranian Jewish community was threatened by the Islamic revolution, ORT graduates "were the first to leave the country because they had skills and confidence," Motamed said.

"Today there are many PhDs and other high-level people among them," she said. "It is only because of volunteers that we were able to do what we did."

In her work with ORT Motamed has travelled the world and says that wherever she goes the problems are the same.

"Women are not given the same opportunities and rights. They have to fight for what they want to do — for what you have been able to do."

There are currently over 150,000 ORT students worldwide and over the years more than 2 million people have graduated from ORT schools.

All fund raising done by the 150-member Business and Professional Women's ORT chapter goes towards a scholarship fund for Israeli women who want to pursue non-traditional careers.

Kathleen Crook, a member of the executive of the chapter, reminded the group of the upcoming Chocolate Sunday, a major ORT fund raising event to be held Nov. 22.

She thanked Motamed for speaking to them, saying "Normally we give guest speakers a book about ORT. We figure you probably wrote the book on ORT."

Entrepreneur training centres

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Ontario government will spend up to $3.6 million to create six centres of entrepreneurship — two of which will be based in Toronto — at post-secondary institutions across Ontario.

Colleges and Universities Minister Lyn McLeod announced the creation of the centres in the legislature recently, explaining they are intended to provide "a focal point for activities related to entrepreneurship in post-secondary institutions, develop curriculum materials, provide training courses for teachers and guidance counsellors, and stimulate research and the dissemination of results."

The centres will also sponsor visits by practicing entrepreneurs and will support the work of compus-based innovation centres by inviting experts to review business plans and advise budding entrepreneurs.

In establishing the centres, McLeod said the Premier's Council subcommittee on entrepreneurship received 24 proposals from post-secondary institutions and an 11-members selection panel was chosen to evaluate the proposals and make recommendations to the Premier's Council.

The proposals chosen for the establishment of the first six centres are: York University, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Lakehead University/Confederation College, Queen's University/St. Lawrence College/Loyalist College, Canadore College/Nipissing College and Centennial College.

Each of the centres will receive a government grant of up to $150,000 a year provided that it receives an additional $50,000 from the business sector. McLeod said funding is guaranteed for four years of operation providing the centres' performance is satisfactory.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

BETH SHOLOM CONCERT

A capacity audience attended a concert at Beth Sholom Synagogue recently. The artists were diverse in style, providing a well-balanced program. From left are Steve Chaiet, Cantor David Bagley, stand-up comic Herschel Fox and the Aleph Duo Avraham Albrecht and Avshalom Zfira. Also on the program was a quintet conducted by Ben Steinberg.

Thursday, Nov. 19

LECTURE ON JEWISH HISTORY

The third lecture in the series on basic Judaism will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, when **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** will discuss Jewish History: Past Present and Future. The time is 7.30-9 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

From 9-10 p.m. **Chana Werner** teaches a course in beginning Hebrew reading and prayer. It is not to late to join the class.

For further information, contact **Rabbi Howard Markose** at 635-5340.

Friday, Nov. 20

SOLEL CONGERGATION

On Friday, Nov. 20, Solel Congregation, 2399 Folkway Dr., is holding a family service at 7.30 p.m. followed by a presentation by **Rabbi Ronald Klotz** from Goldman Union Camp Institute. Rabbi Klotz will discuss the opportunities available in Reform summer camping.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY

Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy program gets off to a start on Friday, Nov. 20, with Judea-Spanish Folk Songs from Morocco. Following services, which begin at 8.15 p.m., ethnomusicologist **Judith Cohen** will give an illustrated lecture on Sephardic music and sing and accompany herself with ancient instruments.

Saturday, Nov. 21

WOMEN IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Liberated Women in the European High Middle Ages — 12th Century is the topic of a talk **Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller** will be giving on Saturday, Nov. 21. The evening is sponsored by Tzavta Kibbutz Centre and will take place at 8 p.m. at 1111 Finch Ave. W. (2 blocks west of Dufferin).

Refreshments will be served and there is parking on the premises.

A NIGHT TO TWIST & SHOUT

Saturday, Nov. 21, is a Night to Twist and Shout. The National Council of Jewish Women — Orah Branch fund raiser, a 50s and 60s dance with a live band called Remember When, promises to be lots of fun with refreshments, door prizes including a weekend for two at the Constellation Hotel and prizes for the best costume.

It all begins at 8 p.m. at Northview Heights Secondary School, 550 Finch Ave. W. So come as you were and bring your friends. For tickets, call 881-9344 or 764-3939.

SHABBAT TORAH

Beth Torah Congregation's next Shabbat Torah is on Saturday, Nov. 21, when **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** will talk on The Radical Left and the Jews.

Services are from 9-11 a.m., the lecture from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a kiddish luncheon. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Saturday, Nov. 21, is the date of Maccabiah Lodge B'nai B'rith's Monte Carlo Night 87, complete with bingo, blackjack, wheel of fortune, an auction and a grand prize draw for a week for two in Puerto Plata.

Fun and games start at 7 p.m. at Thornhill Community Centre, 7755 Bayview Ave. All proceeds will go to local and international charities.

TOTAL LIVING DANCE

Total Living is holding a dance on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at Earl Bales Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). The music will be provided by deejay **Don Del Greco** and there will be prizes and coffee.

Admission is $4 members, $6 non-members.

TRIVIA II

Trivia II, a family trivia night with refreshments and prizes, is being sponsored by Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Lodge, B'nai B'rith, on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

For further details, contact **Ed Birnbaum** at 889-7100.

COUPLES BOWLING CLUB

If you're newly married (or soon to be) and looking for a great way to meet new people, why not join Couples Bowling Club. This Jewish bowling league for married couples between the ages of 20 and 40 has started its first season and is looking for new bowlers. The next bowling date is Saturday, Nov. 21.

For further information, call 221-9641 after 6 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22

THE REFUGEE DILEMMA

And Where Shall We Go? Values and Morality — The Refugee Dilemma will be the subject of a panel discussion at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., on Sunday morning, Nov. 22. The moderator will be **Prof. Harold Troper** and panelists will include **Michael Schelew**, a lawyer and president of the Canadian Council for Refugees as well as spokesperson for Amnesty International Canada on refugee policy, and **Gerald Savard**, acting district administrator, Toronto, for Immigration Canada.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. followed by breakfast at 9.45. ($4 payable at the door). This program is sponsored by the Beth Tikvah Brotherhood and Cultural Committee. The community is welcome.

HOLIDAY GIFT SALE

Buy your holiday gifts early at a special Warehouse Sale on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vendables, 55 East Beaver Creek Rdd., Richmond Hill.

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Proceeds of the sale will be directed to the Neonatology Intensive Care Unit at Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem. For information, call 781-3584.

PNAI MEETING

The PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) next meeting will be held Sunday, Nov. 22, at 8 p.m. at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., Downsview.

The guest speaker, **Susan Charendoff**, co-author with **David Matas** of Justice Delayed, will discuss Nazi War Criminals in Canada: A 40-Year Record of Inaction. Guests are welcome.

YIDDISH LECTURE AT BOOK FAIR

A Yiddish lecture at the Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, Nov. 22, features well-known scholar **Eugene Orenstein**, associate professor of Jewish studies at McGill University, who will talk on Die Yunge in New York: Young American Yiddish Poets at the Turn of the Century, and **Hindy Abelson, Nat Garnick** and **Jeanette Stein** who will read excerpts from works of these poets.

The time is 1.30 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Tickets at $4 may be obtained at the door or by calling **Sylvia Lustgarten**, Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, at 635-2883, ext. 155.

RABBI BASKIN TO SPEAK

Rabbi Bernard Baskin will be the guest speaker at the Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood Breakfast Club meeting on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 9.30 a.m. His topic will be The Occult, Bizarre and Mystical in Jewish Tradition.

BAZAAR SUNDAY

For good bargains, good food, good fun and a good cause, come to Na'amat Pioneer Women's 59th annual bazaar and auction on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is being held at the International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga, and is serviced by public transit and direct bus. Parking is free.

There will be over 125 mini-shops, a mammoth auction that begins at 11 a.m. and runs all day, a Monte Carlo, beer garden, delicious food and much more.

Admission, which includes a chance at the door prize, is still only $2. Children under 12 are admitted free, and after 3 p.m. admission for seniors is also free.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

On Sunday, Nov. 22, Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club is featuring **Sol Littman**, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, whose topic will be Up the Garden Path — The Deschenes Commission and Its Aftermath.

Services are at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and the speaker at 10.30.

OUR KIDS...PUSH OR PULL?

Our Kids...Push Or Pull? Are We Overstressing Our Children? is the subject of the Sunday, Nov. 22, meeting sponsored by Netivot Hatorah Parents Association.

The speakers will be **Rabbi Samuel Biber**, principal, Netivot Hatorah Day School; **Elaine Rubinoff**, principal, Shearim School, and **Gerald Klein**, psychologist.

The meeting takes place at 8.15 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood Hall, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview. There is no charge.

BREAKFAST MEETING

On Sunday, Nov. 22, at Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood's breakfast meeting **Rabbi Jerome Lipsitz** will talk about the Experience of a Rabbi with the U.S. Army Forces.

Davening is at 9 a.m., the speaker at 9.30.

SUFFERING AND SURVIVAL

At the Jewish Book Fair on Sunday, Nov. 22, Eitz Chaim Parents' Association, B'nai Torah Congregation and North American Jewish Students' Network — Canada will present **Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum**, author of Chaplain on the River Kwai: A Journal of a Prisoner-of-War, who will speak on Suffering and Survival.

The time is 10.30 a.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission is free.

Monday, Nov. 23

SIGGNER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Rabbi Ismar Schorsch, chancellor and professor of Jewish history of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will deliver the 1987 Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Lecture on Monday, Nov. 23, at 8 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. (near Bathurst and Wilson). His topic will be The German-Jewish Experience: The Dynamics of Emancipation and Anti-semitism.

This lecture, held under the auspices of the Arthur J. Siggner Memorial Trust, is administered by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and is co-sponsored by the United Synagogue of America, Ontario Region, and personal friends of the late Mr. Siggner, who was a pioneer in the field of Christian-Jewish dialogue in the Toronto area.

The public is invited and admission is free. For further information, call 364-3101.

THE JEWISH FAMILY SERIES

As part of a continuing series on The Jewish Family: Easing the Transition offered on alternate Monday evenings, Beth Tikvah Synagogue invites the community to attend a lecture on The Jewish Child in a Christian World by **Susan Jackson**, director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress.

The lecture takes place on Monday, Nov. 23, from 9-10 p.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

DIALOGUES ON SEX

Holy Blossom Temple continues the Dialogues on Sex series on Monday, Nov. 23, with a talk by **Dr. Karen Kaffko** on Homosexuality and the Jewish Parent.

The time is 8 p.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

AN EVENING WITH CARLEBACH

If you are interested in an evening with the singing rabbi and storyteller **Shlomo Carlebach** on Monday, Nov. 23, get in touch with **Rayzel** at 736-5178 or **Sholom** at 785-5005.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

ABOUT SOVIET JEWRY

Bat Tzion and Tehillah Chapters, Emunah Women, invite you to join in an interesting and inspiring evening featuring a discussion and slide

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presentation about the plight of Soviet Jewry. The discussion will be led by **Zale Newman**, who recently returned from a trip to Russia.

The date is Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8.15 p.m. at the Emunah office, 3768 Bathurst St., Suite 308, (at Wilson).

Admission is free. For further information, call **Maggie** at 638-6409.

UPDATE ON ISRAEL

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, New Fraternal Jewish Association is presenting **Lt. Col. Yona Gazit**, special emissary to Canada from Israel, whose topic will be Update on Israel.

The time is 8.30 p.m. at the association's centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107, Downsview. The public is invited and there is no charge.

BOUTIQUE NIGHT

You'll find a great selection of clothing, jewelry, gifts and many other items at Leo Baeck Day School's annual boutique night taking place Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. at 34 Kenton Dr.

SHAAREI TEFILLAH INSTITUTE

Shaarei Tefillah Congregation Institute, conducted by **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, continues on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. with A Jewish Approach to a Killing Disease — AIDS.

The ladies study class with Rabbi Stern meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

BUSINESS SEMINAR SERIES

The first of a 2-part business seminar series offered, free of charge, by the City of North York property & economic development department, will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 24, from 7-10 p.m. at North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St. (south entrance off North York Blvd.) in Committee Room 3 (lower level).

This session, dealing with Starting a Business, will be given by **Gary Angst**, ministry of industry, trade and technology. Please call 224-6475 to confirm.

EDWARD GREENSPAN & HIS BOOK

Lawyer **Edward Greenspan** talks about his new book, Greenspan: The Case for the Defence on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. at Northern District Library, 40 Orchardview Blvd. Admission is free.

This will be followed by a complimentary reception at Chapters Bookstore Cafe, 2360 Yonge St. Phone 481-9203 for more information.

JDF RAFFLE & GALA EVENING

One of the annual social highlights on the Toronto scene is the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Raffle and Gala Evening. It is an annual fund raising event which last year raised $1.1 million for diabetes research.

This year, the evening takes place Tuesday, Nov. 24, at the Metro Convention Centre from 6.30 p.m. to midnight.

Purchase of a car raffle ticket ($100) also includes admission for two. Call the JDF office at 224-2633 for information.

PARENTS OF ASTHMATIC CHILDREN

The Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario general meeting is set for Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. at Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. (1 stop light west of Bathurst).

The guest speaker, **Dr. Sasson Levi**, pediatric allergist and immunologist, will speak on Asthma: What It Is and How It Can Be Managed.

New members are welcome. For further information, contact **Elaine Rose** at 881-8416 or **Joan Naert** at 292-6635.

ABOUT ISRAEL'S FUTURE

What Does Israel's Future Hold? is the subject of the Jewish Student Federation Israel Action Committee's presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 24. It takes place at 7.30 p.m. at York University S416 Ross.

For further information, call JSF at 736-5178.

QUESTING SINGLES

Questing Singles (21-35) of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue invites you to a meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. in the foyer of the synagogue's new social hall.

MUSICAL HOUR

On Tuesday, Nov. 24, soprano **Rose Lovas** and concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns (Kane)** will be presenting a program of semi-classical, Jewish and Hebrew music at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

HEBREW DISCUSSION GROUP

Like many others, you have fair knowledge of Hebrew and still find it difficult to express your ideas with ease and fluency. Ivrit B'Ivrit Hebrew discussion group, sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation and Tzavta Kibbutz Centre, will help you improve your Hebrew by positively participating in an exciting series of presentations and discussions. Ivrit B'Ivrit, geared to your level, will challenge you and assist you to speak with confidence.

This season's next meeting takes place Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. at 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 156. For further information, contact **Yigal Gilboa** at 736-1339.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

At the Jewish Genealogical Society meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 25, **Alan Simons** will give an illustrated talk on The Gelernter Family — The Heritage Lives On. A direct descendant of **Zacheri Gelernter Mendel**, chief rabbi of Lublin, Mr. Simons traces his family back to 1581.

The meeting takes place at 7.30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For information, call **Rayzel** at 736-5178.

THE CHRISTIAN PROBLEM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Institute is presenting **Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg** in a 3-week course lecturing on his book The Christian Problem: A Jewish View.

The lecture on Wednesday, Nov. 25, from 7.30-8.30 p.m. will focus on Christian Myths About Jews and Judaism.

WELLNESS & GOOD HEALTH

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, **Dr. Elaine Dembe**, noted chiropractor and dedicated health professional, will speak on Wellness and Good Health at 7.30 a.m. at the McGill Club, 21 McGill St. In charge of the session will be well-known personal exercise coach **Beverley Burdeyney**.

The cost of $9 includes breakfast. For information, call Orenstein & Partners at 596-1711.

Thursday, Nov. 26

USDS BAYVIEW CAMPUS

United Synagogue Day School, the day school of the Conservative movement, has been expanding on all fronts — at the Bathurst campus located at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, the Bayview campus at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and the new addition in Richmond Hill to be located at Shaare Haim Synagogue.

USDS has begun construction at the Bayview campus of an extension to the existing building which will provide 15 new classrooms, including expanded specialty facilities.

The community is invited to attend the official groundbreaking ceremony at the Bayview campus, 3080 Bayview Ave., on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 9.30 a.m. There will be a program presented by the students and refreshments will be served.

CONCERT FOR ETHIOPIAN JEWRY

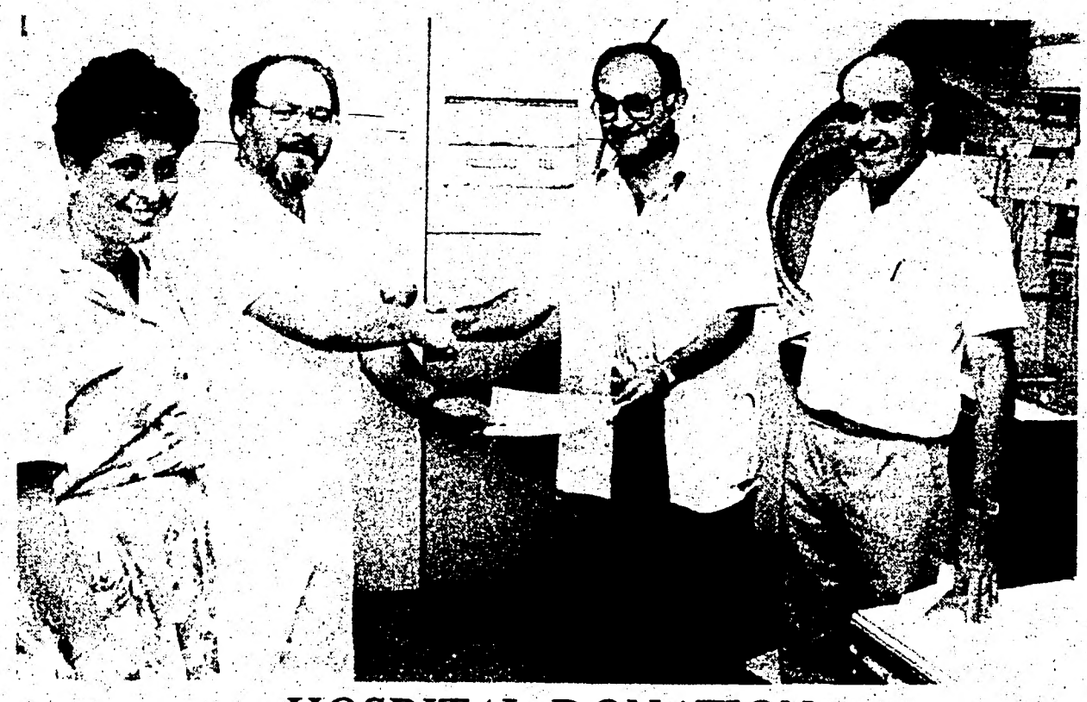
On Thursday, Nov. 26, the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jews will be holding a benefit concert at El Mocambo, 464 Spadina Ave., from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The evening is entitled Reggae for Relief: A Concert for Ethiopian Jewry and all proceeds will go to aid the Ethiopian Jews still stranded in Ethiopia. The concert features the reggae band Fujahtive and tickets are $5 if purchased in advance and $6 at the door.

For more information and advance ticket sales, call **Marlene** at 782-2546.

COTLER HONORED

Prof. Irwin Cotler of McGill University's faculty of law recently received an honorary Doctor of Law degree from the faculty of arts at Toronto's York University. Cotler, who once taught at Osgoode Hall law school, was honored for his advocacy of human rights and international justice and peace. He worked for the release of former Refusenik Natan Scharansky and is Canadian counsel for jailed African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. [Graphic Artists photo]



HOSPITAL DONATION

Torontonians Paula and Martin Spring, members of the executive of the Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital, recently presented a check for $120,000 to the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre in Tel Hashomer, Israel. Receiving the funds is Dr. Harold Brenner, chief onocologist at the hospital. Standing beside him is Dr. Abraham Werner. For information about contributions to the Canadian Friends, call 633-5646.

And What Else Is New...

NUREYEV AND FRIENDS

The National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, presents Nureyev and Friends on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the O'Keefe Centre followed by a reception. Tickets are $125 with a $75 tax receipt. Black tie is optional.

Proceeds will go to support NCJW Toronto Section's Outreach and Life Skills Program for the Disabled.

CLINICAL GERIATRICS

The 5th annual practitioner's clinic day, sponsored by Baycrest Centre and Mount Sinai Hospital, is set for Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Mount Sinai, 18th floor auditorium, 600 University Ave. The theme is Clinical Geriatrics for the Practitioner.

For further information, contact **Sybil Gilinsky**, education department, Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St., North York, Ont., M6A 2E1. The phone number is 789-5131, ext. 2365.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

At the Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 28, **Prof. Stephen Michael Berke** will speak on America, Israel and the Middle East. Prof. Berke, a prominent historian in the field of Russian and Jewish history, is professor of history at Union College.

The luncheon is at noon, following services. The charge is $5.75 adults, $3.50 children under 12. Reservations (paid) should be made no later than Wednesday, Nov. 25. Unpaid reservations cannot be accommodated.

CHILDREN OF THE HOLOCAUST

On Sunday, Nov. 29, those who were children during the Holocaust (born after the Nazis came to power) will meet to explore and discuss the impact this experience has had upon their lives.

The meeting will take place from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at 2787 Bathurst St.

For information and registration, call **Doris Strub Epstein** at 633-4045 or **Dr. Henry Fenigstein** at 787-5331, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

JSU/HILLEL, U OF T

Upcoming Jewish Students'Union/Hillel (University of Toronto) events include —

Friday, Nov. 20 — The campus Shabbat dinner, sponsored jointly with Jewish Student Federation (York University). For details, call JSU/Hillel at 923-9861 or JSF at 736-5178 for details.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 — Let's Do Lunch series with **Rabbi Jeffrey Wolfe**, director of academic affairs of Bar-Ilan University for Canada and the U.S., beginning at noon at JSU/Hillel House. There will be a complimentary buffet lunch. Call the office for reservations...Jewish students at Ryerson are holding a bagel brunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room A256C.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you friendly and outgoing and looking for a rewarding experience? Then join Baycrest's energetic and caring volunteer team that prepares and serves food and operates the counter in the WA Cafe Monday to Friday, 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or noon to 4 p.m.

If you prefer, volunteer as an assistant with the 6th floor hospital's fitness break every Tuesday from 10.15-11.45 a.m.

If you enjoy baking, you can assist with the Galloping Gourmet cook/bake program that takes place in the hospital program area on Monday and Friday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

The Jewish Home for the Aged arts and crafts program needs volunteers. The program runs Monday to Friday, 9.15-11 a.m. It is not necessary to have any artistic skills.

If you are interested contact the volunteer office at 789-5131, ext. 2572.

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Foresters, is holding an installation banquet on Saturday, Nov. 28, at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Cocktails are at 6.30 p.m., dinner at 7.30.

The cost of $60 per couple includes a full-course meal, free bar and dancing. For information and reservations, call **Eva Kirshenblat** at 636-8323 or **Jackie Myers** at 731-8241.

ETHNIC SONGS FOR MEL'S BELLS

Mayor Mel Lastman recently appointed four celebrated musicians — **Ofra Harnoy, David Warrack, James McKay** and **Bill McCauley** — to recommend suitable programming for the city's bells, which have affectionately been dubbed Mel's Bells. The bells are housed in a tower on top of the Petro Canada building at Park Home Ave. and Yonge St.

Ethnic groups and members of the public are invited to submit melodies that reflect their heritage and culture, such as traditional folk songs. Submissions in musical notation are preferred, but tunes no longer than three minutes on cassette tapes will also be accepted.

Tunes, along with the sender's name, address and phone number, can be mailed to Bells, c/o North York City Hall, 5100 Yonge St., North York M2N 5V7. As no submission can be returned, entrants are advised not to send sole, original copies.

JSF EVENTS

Jewish Student Federation (York University) events this coming week include —

Friday, Nov. 20 — Shabbat dinner. Call JSF office for details at 736-5178.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 — The JSF Israel Action Committee series continues with What Does Israel's Future Hold? The time is 7.30 p.m. at the university, S 416 Ross.

Wednesday, Nov. 25 — **Rabbi Jeffrey Wolfe** will speak on Bar-Ilan University at noon

Saturday, Nov. 28 — A dance and Monte Carlo night beginning at 8.30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North-East Valley Branch, 7015 Leslie St.

HOUSING STANDARDS GUIDE

A 17-page guide highlighting Toronto's Housing Standards Bylaw No. 73-68 in straight, non-technical language has just been published by the City of Toronto department of buildings and inspection.

Topics covered in this easy-to-read guide include adequate heat, general maintenance, fire code requirements, artificial lighting in underground garages and general information for landlords. Also included is a list of home repair programs administered by the department.

The guide is available by calling 392-7960 or you can pick up a copy at district offices of the inspections division, or on the 16th floor, East Tower or the information desk, 1st floor, Toronto City Hall.

FOOD DRIVE

A food drive throughout the month of November has been organized by Chapter Tzion, B'nai B'rith Youth Organization. You can drop off your non-perishable food donations at the B'nai B'rith House, 15 Hove St.

For further information, call **Marshall Kay** at 889-4455.

KEEPING UP WITH NCSY

The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) has arranged a trip to New York for Dec. 24-29, so plan ahead for the school winter break with this action-packed holiday. The program will consist of touring, shopping, a Broadway play, restaurants and a ruach-filled Shabbaton in which you will have the opportunity to meet fellow NCSYers from across the U.S. and Canada. Space is limited, so call now to make your reservations and get further information. The NCSY office numbers are 782-3117 or 782-5422.

On Sunday, Nov. 22, NCSY is presenting a concert with rabbi-singer **Shlomo Carlebach**. Also appearing in their first reunion in Toronto will be the popular singing group of the 1960s, The Noam Singers and their sons.

The concert takes place at 7 p.m. at Minkler Auditorium, Don Mills aand Finch. Tickets are available at the Negev, Ma-Tov, Israel and Pardes Book Stores.

For more information, call the NCSY office at the above numbers.

SNOW CONNECTIONS

Snow Connections is a program designed to assist seniors and disabled adults in the City of North York with snow removal. The seniors are linked with students at a fee of $5 per hour, with a minimum 1-hour charge.

For seniors and disabled adults who reside on main roads in the City of North York that are cleared by the municipality of Metropolitan Toronto, there is a $7 rebate available for clearing the windrow after each snowfall.

Seniors and students can register now by calling the senior centre in their area: north of 401, west of Bathurst — 221-7227; south of 401, west of Yonge — 787-2002; north of 401, east of Bathurst — 222-7669; south of 401, east of Yonge — 447-5074.

The Snow Connections program is funded through a grant from the City of North York. It is operated by the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Downsview Services for Seniors, Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre, North York Seniors Centre and Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre.

SHULTZ FELLOWSHIP FUND

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz recently inaugurated the George P. Shultz Fellowship Fund at Tel Aviv University which will support PhD students in economics, political science and business administration. With Shultz is Rector Ben-Shaul, holding the certificate commemorating the establishment of the fund.

at the jcc

Sunday at Bloor is singing and swinging! Back by popular demand, four jazz musicians will perform on Sunday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). The charge is $4 JCC members, $5 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Put on your grass skirt and pick up a coconut and hula down to the Bloor Y's Tropical Paradise Luau on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are are $8 JCC members, $10 non-members and include all-you-can-eat buffet. They are available at the front offices of the north and Bloor Y and also at the door.

Give your child a wonderful winter school break at the Bloor Y's Winter Fundays. Each day includes games, specialty workshop and swim. Call **Sarah Casse** at 924-6211 for details or register at the Bloor Y.

Come out, bring your dancing feet and enjoy an evening of fun at the Israeli folk dancing class for beginners offered at the JCC northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. on Thursdays from 8-9.30 p.m. in Room 101. The instructor is **Nirit Loftus** and the fee is $3 at the door.

The singles social hotline provides 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish community. The number is 889-5101.

for seniors

You are invited to join the **Association of Jewish Seniors** for breakfast at the bi-annual meeting taking place Thursday, Nov. 26, from 9.30-11.45 a.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. Everyone is welcome and admission is free but reservations are required. Call **Cathy de Leeuw** at 635-2860 no later than Friday, Nov. 20.

Join the **Good Age Club** to meet new friends and relax every Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor). On Thursday, Nov. 19, watch a short film on Israel. And on Thursday, Nov. 26, meet at the Bloor Y at 11.30 a.m. to go to see an afternoon perfomance by renowned pianist **John Arpin**. There is no charge.

At the Tuesday, Nov. 24, meeting of **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50, Aaron Nussbaum** will discuss Jesus, the Jew. The time is 1.30 p.m. Non-members are charged $1.50.

The LZA Seniors Club meets daily at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., from noon to 4 p.m. for an afternoon of chess, cards and discussions...Shuffleboard teams meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7.30...The Cultural Circle meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. On Nov. 24, **Nechemiah Knobel** will talk on The Balfour Declaration...A luncheon with entertainment was held Wednesday, Nov. 18...The Chanukah party with refreshments, latkes and dancing to the music of the **Morris Turk** orchestra takes place Saturday, Dec. 19, at the Borochov Centre.

On Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 1.30 p.m. **Holy BLossom Temple Alumni** will feature a talk on Planning With Confidence — Trust Funds, Wills, Investment Portfoliops, Power of Attorney by a representative of National Trust.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets for lunch and bingo on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Be sure to get your tickets for the Chanukah party arranged for Dec. 15. Non-members are always welcome. For information, call **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is presenting an afternoon of musical enetrtainment with singer **Edith Truelove** accompanied by pianist **Ada Lewis** on Monday, Nov. 30, at 1 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. The charge is $1 members, $2 non-members. Refreshments will be served.

A new club is starting — the **Diamond Jubilee** — for seniors interested in outings, socials, dancing and dance lessons. The fee is $3 per year. The group meets on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. and every third Sunday of the month at 968 Eglinton Ave. W. For the month of November, the Sunday meeting is on Nov. 29, from 2-4 p.m. For information, call 782-5024.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club is now accepting registration for 1988 membership at $6 per person per year...On Thursday, Nov. 26, at 2 p.m. two Yiddish films will be shown — Bubby and Spadina. This is free for members, $1 for non-members. Refreshments will be served...The New Year's party on Thursday, Dec. 31, will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight, with a live band and novelties. The charge is $15 per person. Reservations are limited, so call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or leave a message on the answering machine.

Marc Seniors Social Group invites the neighbors to a weekly bingo game on Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 6091 Bathurst St. in the recreation room. Proceeds go to charitable causes.

The Self-Help Widowers Program for men 55 years and over, widowed less than two years, meets twice a month on Sundays from 10.30 a.m. to noon, starting Nov. 22, in the Lipa and Fanny Green Library of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2269, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program for women 55-70 years of age, widowed less than two years, meets every second Sunday from 12.30-2 p.m. in the centre's Lipa and Fanny Green Library, 55 Ameer Ave. The coordinator is **Toby Warsh**. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 22. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Widows 70 and Over Program at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., meets every second Sunday, from 1-2.30 p.m. in the conference room. The next meeting is Sunday, Nov. 22. The coordinator is **Micky Zimmerman**. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2271, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Meet the Author program features **Joachem Schoenfeld**, author of Shtetl Memoirs on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10.30 a.m. in the Fireside Lounge...For the Terrace Take Out Kosher Meals, come to the Wagman Centre to purchase your meal tickets one day in advance. For information, contact **Sharon Bizouati** at 785-2430...A choir was formed called Inter-Link which meets for rehearsals weekly on Wednesdays from 11-11.30 a.m. Inter-Link is bringing together seniors and elementary school students in a joint performance sponsored by the North York Board of Education. The musical director is **John Herberman**. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2271...The centre and the Israeli Canadian Club Aluma, present a program for Israelis 55 and over on Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. Refreshments are served. For information, call **Shelley Dunkelman** at 789-5131, ext. 2273, or **Ephraim Dloomy** at 631-7546...The Joy of Theatre group will be attending a performance of Patria, a modern opera by **Murray Schaffer** on Thursday, Nov. 26, at 7.30 p.m. at the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre, 227 Front St. E. The cost is $10. You may pay for your tickets one week in advance at the Wagman centre office.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Through the La'Briyut Wellness Centre's dental program, a dentist and hygienist from the North York department of public health are visiting the centre for a 3-week period, Nov. 16-Dec.4, and will examine and clean teeth and dentures free of charge.

Short term individual counselling concerning health-related problems is available each Thursday from the public health nurse.

On Thursday, Nov. 26, at 1.30 p,m, in the synagogue, Mel's Brown Bag Program will visit the centre and qualified pharmacists will examine your prescription and non-prescription drugs, check for dates and compatibilitiy, and advise you of their findings. Pick up your brown bag from **Maria**, the receptionist of the La'Briyut Wellness Centre, fill it with all your prescriptions and bring it to the program.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band on Sunday, Nov. 22, from 7.30-10.30 p.m. There is a charge of $2 members, $2.50 non-members.

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KARMIEL AWARD

Joann Smith (left) of Winnipeg, 1st vice-president of Women's Canadian ORT, receives Karmiel Award from Ruth Druxerman, national Karmiel chairman, at a recent national executive committee meeting held in Toronto.

"Young-at-heart special lady"

Ninety-year-old Ragals toasted at Mount Sinai

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
On Oct. 30, Ida Ragals celebrated her 90th birthday.

Relatives, friends, and fellow workers came to the Mount Sinai Hospital to toast the "young-at-heart special lady" who has worked as an information receptionist at the Murray St. entrance of the hospital for more than 30 years.

Responding to the speeches of praise, Ragals said that working at the hospital has been a wonderful experience for her. "I've learned so much from the visitors who come to the hospital — each person has a different need and it is a challenge for me to help each of them."

And the following day, Ragals took the bus from her Eglinton Ave. apartment to the Mount Sinai Hospital where she once again cheerfully assisted visitors and patients with her unique brand of caring.

"Mrs. Ragals is an extremely capable woman who handles the many queries from visitors efficiently and with compassion," says Janine Girard-Pearlman, the vice-president of medical education and special services.

"She has a tremendous memory for details and is excellent at tracking down information," adds Girard-Pearlman. "She is a warm, friendly woman who at 90 can put many 20-year-olds to shame with her energy and commitment."

In an interview with The CJN, Beverley Applebaum, her only daughter, who is a public health nurse, says that her mother's life has not been easy.

Ida (Schwartz) was born on the East Side of New York City in 1897. Her father operated the local mikvah.

"My mother was always a very independent woman," says Applebaum. "She divorced my father in 1937, something that was very unusual at that time."

In 1956, Ragals gave up her ladies' and children's wear retail shop to move to Toronto where her daughter had moved after her marriage to a Torontonian. The following year, she accepted a full-time position at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

"I don't work full-time anymore," says Ragals. "I work weekends and on statutory holidays now." And she often works a double shift — 16 hours — when the hospital is short staffed. She adds that this gives her co-workers an opportunity to be with their families on special holidays.

"The doctors tell my mother that if she is not at the hospital, it would fall apart. And the security guards call her the queen of Mount Sinai."

Ragals, who lives alone, does her own shopping, cleaning and laundry. "I do my own laundry and I iron my sheets because I don't like the way the laundry does them." And with a chuckle she explains that her daughter bought her a shopping cart. "But I only use it because I don't want to upset Beverley. She went to all the trouble to buy it, so I take it with me but I really don't need it."

In the afternoons, Ragals loves to walk and window-shop. "For years I didn't have time to play around. Now that I have more time, I enjoy leisurely checking what the latest fashions are. I like to shop but the prices are outrageous."

Ragals says that she doesn't mingle much with old people. "They make me creep — they feel life is over. I don't feel old and when they *huck mir a chinek* about old age pensions, I get upset."

She believes that "people shouldn't speak so much about aging. They are obsessed with age." She relates well to young people, says her daughter, whose husband Sydney Applebaum operated A & A Radio and Alpha Aracon, a family business established in 1934. Her husband died three years ago.

"My mother and my son Richard, who is 29, have a very close relationship. He adores her just as many young people do because she doesn't act old."

At an age when most people need help, Ragals still devotes her time to helping others. And she takes great pride in the fact that she has never been late for work — an outstanding record for an outstanding lady.

Chocolate lovers' dreams come true

TORONTO —
A chocolate lover's fantasy come true is one way to describe Chocolate Sunday, Nov. 22 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, noon to 6 p.m., sponsored by Toronto Women's ORT.

Beside a free bag of goodies for everyone, including children, those checking out the exhibits or watching demonstrations will be getting free samples or tastes of chocolate concoctions.

The chocoholics will see chocolate sculptings by chefs including Mark Collis, La Biconda; Norbert Maishugen, Windsor Arms; Marcelin Paygane, Hilton International; Egan Keller, Valhalla Inn; and Roger Sperling, Sperling's Fine Foods.

A demonstration of sugar sculpting will be done by Linda Morgenstein. Doreen Poirier, a connoisseur of how to ice a cake, will be showing her art.

Special entertainment for the children include Children's Chocolate Stop, songs by Bernard Leddy and Alley, a group of clowns, and free milk and cookies.

Last year Chocolate Sunday attracted 5,000 people and the organizers this year are expecting an even bigger crowd. About 30 exhibitors will display the things that chocoholics dream about.

The admission is $4 for adults, $1.50 for seniors and children under 12, and children under 5 free. An advertisement running Dec. 18 in The Toronto Star includes a $1 off coupon for adults.

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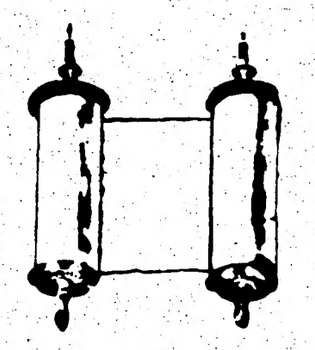

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Toldot

You can tell a tzaddik from his face.

When the saintly Chafetz Chaim was young, he was very poor, and the townspeople wanted to give him money. He refused.

His wife scolded him: "Look, we are poor as shul-mice. Why don't you accept what's given you?"

He answered: "You don't understand. They offer me because they know I won't accept. Once I start accepting, they won't offer anymore. . . ."

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Abraham and Isaac had beautiful faces — in fact, they looked exactly like each other!

"Eleh toldot Yitzchak ben Avraham; Avraham holeed et Yitzchak. . . ." These are the generations of Isaac the son of Abraham; Abraham begat Isaac. . . ."

Extra, redundant words. If Isaac was the child of Abraham, of course Abraham begat him! Who else?

But the Torah is teaching us — these are the "toldot," the spiritual children, the accomplishments of Isaac the son of Abraham. How did he achieve what he achieved? Because Abraham begat Isaac. You could see the soul of the father through the deeds of the son. You saw how Isaac acted, and you knew he was the child of Abraham!

Even more — Abraham begat Isaac! Isaac never forgot who his father was. When it came to making a decision in life, he sat down and asked: What would my father Abraham do?

* * *

Abraham and Isaac looked like twins. A person said Shalom Aleichem to Isaac, thinking it was Abraham. Confusing!

Why the confusion? But — comments the Iturei Torah — it is symbolic. Abraham and Isaac had one face, one way of looking at the world. What Abraham held sacred, Isaac cherished; the same Shabbat; the same Torah; the same faith in God.

Isaac did not throw away everything his parents held precious. He respected old values, kept the flame. The generations blended into each other, not stormed against one another.

There is in Toronto one little synagogue that is precious, because it is a slice of old Toronto, preserved for the future. On the corner of Bathurst and Wilson is the modest Torah v'Avodah Synagogue; the surroundings are humble; the books are old, brown, and frayed; the furniture simple.

But the people are warm, are kind, are true Jews. The melodies hark back to Toronto of 40 and 50 years ago. Everyone is welcomed warmly, and given a piece of herring and a schnapps at kiddush. Every Jew is cherished. It is like a Jewish Back To The Future — Open the door and you escape from the 80s and slip back into the 30s and 40s.

Every Jew should help support that sweet little minyan, weekdays and Sabbath.

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We have to bind generations in love.

An old Jerusalem Jew came to Reb Shmuel Salant and asked: "My children have strayed from Judaism, but they want to send me money to support me. May I accept?"

Answered the tzaddik: "They have a chance to fulfil one mitzvah, of honoring parents — and you want to strip this from them also?" Shabbat Shalom.

Goodbaum tells of store's half-century

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — If you trace the path of the Toronto Jewish community for the past 50 years you will be taking a snapshot of Goodbaum's grocery stores as they marched north, eventually under the name of Sunnybrook Foods.

"We were at 180 Baldwin St., 188 Baldwin St., 374 College St., 1001 Eglinton Ave., 2016 Bathurst St., 877 Wilson Ave.," said Julie Goodbaum, president of Sunnybrook Foods Ltd., rolling off the numbers as if they were permanently engraved in his mind.

This is the 50th anniversary of the business the late Joseph and Eva Goodbaum started in Kensington Market, a family undertaking in which Julie's two brothers, Mottel and Bert and Joe Altman, brother-in-law, also worked and contributed to its success.

That little store grew to be a chain of 15 stores in Toronto, Oshawa, Brampton and Peterborough, but in the highly competitive and fast-changing grocery business, Sunnybrook shifted to a volume discount-type operation and now instead of 15 stores has the big store on Wilmington Ave., one in Peterborough and two warehouse stores in Brampton and Richmond Hill, employing a total of 300 people.

Julie, the oldest boy in the family, made the grocery business his life. After Lansdowne public school, he managed a couple of years at Dominion Business College and took some courses at night. But his biggest interest was the store and that hasn't changed.

At 66 he gets up with the birds to buy fruit and vegetables at the big terminal in Etobicoke. The market opens at 6.30 a.m. but Julie's there an hour earlier, searching out the freshest and best-priced produce.

No prisoner of the executive suite, Julie still walks through the company's huge warehouse on Steep Rock Ave., in North York, with a spring in his step and a knowing eye. The mountains of cases of produce from all parts of North America and overseas are a far cry from the six-quart baskets and bushels in Kensington.

The Steep Rock address, where Sunnybrook has been located for 15 years, is also the head office, and protraits of Joseph and Eva Goodbaum have a place of honor on a wall near the front door.

"In our Wilmington store we have the largest variety of kosher food and the best prices in the country," Julie said proudly, claiming to regularly undercut the big chains. "Our food is under the supervision of the Toronto Jewish Congress."

When the Goodbaum operation expanded to a 15 store operation, and adopted the new name of Sunnybrook, Sam Weisberg and Irving Zukor came in as partners.

Now a new generation is taking over in the person of Julie's son, David, the general manager. "He's taken a big load off my shoulders," Julie said.

Julie Goodbaum

The Wilmington store is closed Saturday and open Sunday. "Sunday shopping is a good idea, period," Julie said. "Our Sunday staff is 98% part-time. They appreciate the chance to work, we're not exploiting anyone."

Loyal customers have followed the store north and Julie attributes it to the store's emphasis on quality, large variety and competitive prices. The Wilmington store has a bakery and a Daiter's appetizer shop on the premises.

"At our Wilmington meat department our customers get exactly what they want, nothing is prepackaged."

Casting an eye to the future, the Sunnybrook president expects the food business to keep changing, but he does not believe that shopping for groceries from a personal computer at home will ever catch the public's fancy. "Our customers like to see and smell the merchandise," he said.

As to his own plans, retirement is not one of them. "What would I do with myself?" he asked.

Despite the energy he pours into his business, Julie still finds time to be active in the Beth Sholom Synagogue, where he was treasurer, and to take part in Jewish community affairs, where one of his interests is supporting the Herut Party.

Julie and his wife, Esther, have two daughters, Nina Lurie and Harriet Borins, and three sons, David, Mark, a doctor, and Zellick, who is in the retail and wholesale jewelry business. They have 12 grandchildren.

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Schild looks back on 40 years at Adath Israel

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —
When a young ambitious German-born rabbi came to head a small Romanian congregation in downtown Toronto in 1947, few could predict what the outcome would be.

However 40 years later, that same rabbi, Erwin Schild, remains at the pulpit of Adath Israel Congregation leading a thriving congregation of 1,800 families. For his dedication and many years of service to the synagogue and community, Adath Israel will honor Schild on Nov. 27-29 (CJN Nov. 5).

Looking back on the past 40 years, Schild told The Canadian Jewish News that while much has changed in the Jewish community and the congregation itself, his commitment and devotion to the synagogue remains steadfast.

"It's as if the synagogue was really a substantial part of your life as much as your marriage or your children," Schild said. "I would say my professional involvement with Adath Israel is almost coexistent with my conscious life."

Schild was born in Cologne, Germany in 1920 and received his elementary and high school education in that city. With the rise of the Nazi regime, he deeply involved himself in the Jewish youth movement and became a student at the Jewish Teachers' Seminary in Wuerzburg.

After being rounded up on Kristallnacht, Schild was sent to Dachau concentration camp for what seemed like "three centuries" (it was actually three weeks) before he was able to leave Germany for Holland and then, England in 1939.

In London Schild studied at the Yeshivah Torah Emeth but his studies were interrupted when he was interned as a German refugee. Together with other internees, he was shipped to Canada and released in January 1942 through the efforts of Rabbi Abraham Price, dean of the Yeshivah Torath Chaim in Toronto. There he continued his rabbinic studies and was ordained in 1947 along with three other students.

Schild said he decided to become a rabbi because it seemed a good opportunity to combine scholarly pursuits with humane pursuits and would enable him to make some changes in peoples' lives and in society.

"I was under the misapprehension that there would be a great deal of time for study and that my main task would be as a student and scholar."

Upon graduation Schild was asked to try out and was hired as the new spiritual leader at the First Roumanian Hebrew Congregation Adath Israel, a 45-year-old congregation consisting of 200 families from Romania.

Since that time, Schild said much has changed. He said that in the early days very few people attended shul on Shabbat and those who did were primarily elderly Jews who lived near the synagogue on Bathurst between College and Ulster.

"I had to preach in Yiddish the first few years because the people who were there were old country Jews and immigrants who brought their religion from the old country and were accustomed to going to synagogue," Schild recalled. "The English-speaking people were rare. When there was a bar mitzvah I had to speak English."

Today Adath Israel has no problem in attracting a minyan on Shabbat. Schild said that even without a bar mitzvah, the synagogue usually brings in 600 or 700 each Saturday.

Schild said that as the Jewish community continued to grow in the early days, the congregation outgrew its premises and was forced to look elsewhere to hold services.

"We could foresee by 1950 that the downtown Jewish settlement was dwindling and the trend among the young people was to move to the suburbs," Schild said. "It became evident that North York was going to be the centre of the Jewish population."

After looking northward for a new home, Schild said a piece of a land was secured in the Bathurst-Wilson area and the new Adath Israel Synagogue was built in three stages.

The first two followed each other very quickly and the third — which was dedicated as the Rabbi Erwin Schild Wing on the occasion of the rabbi's 15th anniversary with the shul — was built 10 years later.

Rabbi Erwin Schild today (left) and 40 years ago.

With the move in 1956 came a rapid boost in the synagogue's membership, which Schild, in all modesty, claims some credit for.

"I was trying to build a traditional synagogue on a level that would enable people to feel at home spiritually, religiously and socially," he said. "I wanted it to be a humane and caring synagogue that would be a spiritual home for people and not just an institution, a religious department store.

"We are trying to make the synagogue part of the life of the congregants," Schild continued. "That is something that came from the very inception of the shul because the Romanians were very close and I enjoyed that. That's the way a synagogue ought to be.

"As we grew I tried to maintain this type of atmosphere, but of course it is difficult with so many families. However if somebody has a problem I try not to forget about it and will go out of my way if I possibly can."

As well as observing the growth of his congregation, Schild said the Jewish community has grown and has become much more mature and self-confident.

He noted that the educational picture has changed in the Jewish community, so where before most children attended Sunday school two hours a week, there is now a greater emphasis on Jewish education with a number of Jewish day schools providing a full and varied curriculum for students.

He said the Orthodox community has also grown in the past 10 to 15 years. While it appeared to be a dwindling community at one point, Schild said it has turned around and is strong and vibrant.

The results of the Jewish community's growth have not been all positive, Schild noted. He said that in the past the Jewish community was more cohesive and that there was not as great a separation between the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform movements.

He said the danger exists that if the polarization between the various movements continues, the Jewish community may split into two or three.

"If we could have the same strong community we had and a greater feeling of oneness that would be very good," he said. "At the moment you have people on both sides of the spectrum, but don't have too much in the middle and don't have the same continuity that existed in the past."

Schild continues to do his part to ensure the continuity of the Jewish community. He has been instrumental in the establishment of the Canadian Division of the Rabbinical Assembly in which he serves as president and is deeply involved in pursuing the unitity of the Conservative movement in Canada.

He is a leading personality in the Canadian Council of Conservative Judaism, serrving as rabbinical vice-president of that organization. He has also promoted the establishment of Mercaz Canada and has been nominated for the position of president, to be elected by the Canadian caucus at the United Synagogue biennial convention this month.

Honorary degree

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has recognized Schild's devoted service by confering on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Schild has also been deeply involved with interfaith and inter-group relations. He served for several years as chairman of the Multi-Cultural Institute of the League of Human Rights, B'nai B'rith Organization. He is an active board member of the Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto. He was the recipient of the Human Relations Award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

For several years, Schild has been the chairman of the Canada-Israel Committee, Central Region. He has made several visits to his native Germany during the last seven years to raise the awareness of the Holocaust among the Christians in that country.

Schild is a member of the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and a board member of the United Synagogue of America, Central Region and of Mazon Canada.

Despite his active community involvement, Schild makes it clear his greatest accomplishment remains the shul itself. When the day comes when he leaves the pulpit at Adath Israel, he said he hopes to remain involved in the life of Adath Israel and the Jewish community.

"What gives me the greatest satisfaction is to think that I had at least some role in the development of the synagogue and some role in seeing that it is recognized in the community and the country as an outstanding institution," he concluded.

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Evening of emotional tributes to "the giver par excellence"

Community leaders bestow kudos on Benzacar

By ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

About 300 people gathered at the Petah Tikvah Anshe Castille Synagogue recently to honor Maurice Benzacar, the newly elected president of the Canadian Sephardi Federation, the man whom the congregation's spiritual leader Rabbi Amram Assayag called "the giver par excellence."

The accolade was just one of many bestowed on Benzacar by friends, Jewish community and religious leaders and members of the Sephardi community who gathered to honor the new leader with a wine and cheese party.

Speaking mainly in English, but occasionally addressing the gathering in Hebrew, French and Spanish, Benzacar thanked his well-wishers for their support.

"It's with pride I have seen the Sephardi community of Toronto grow from a group of struggling immigrants to become proud Canadians and Jews, devoted to our heritage and keen on passing on our Sephardic traditions to our children," he said.

It was an evening of emotional tributes, and one which had even greater significance to Benzacar because the day also marked the 30th anniversary of his arrival from Morocco to Canada with his wife Elise and then infant son Jimmy.

Maurice Benzacar

Daughters Raquel and Rita and another son Jack were born later.

There was a note of sadness when the gathering paid their respects with a minute of silence to Leon Oziel, the late President of the CSF, who passed away suddenly last spring, and whom Benzacar now succeeds.

Benzacar called Oziel "a man of great Jewish intensity" and Myer Kerslassy, treasurer of the CSF, spoke of Oziel as "having reconstructed the whole framework of the CSF."

Benzacar singled out the new Sephardi day school Or Haemet, calling it "a vital institution close to my heart, the pride of the Sephardi community" and extended greetings to the school's president Jack Benquesus.

Benzacar also extended a special welcome to a group of newly arrived Jews from Iran who attended the inauguration party. The welcome was a fitting one by Benzacar, who as settlement director at Jewish Immigrant Aid Services helped assist thousands of Jewish immigrants from a multitude of countries.

Referring to Benzacar's work and life during his past 30 years in Toronto, Rabbi Yehiel Benayon, spiritual leader of Magen David Synagogue, said "Most of us work at a job and do mitzvot on the side, while Maurice (Benzacar) does mitzvot in his work and on the side."

Simon Kerslassy, president of the Ontario Sephardi Federation, read two telegrams sent to Benzacar — one from the Consulate-General of Israel and the other from the Moroccan embassy. Kerslassy said Benzacar was responsible for quadrupling the donations to the United Jewish Appeal.

Benzacar outlined the main tasks ahead of the CSF, and said that to commemorate the 40th year of Israel's founding this spring numerous major festive events are being planned, including an "open door" celebration by Moroccan Jews around the world — a custom unique to Moroccan Jewry in which doors are open for any guest to come into homes and partake of sweets.

Ornstein to speak at Book Fair

Yiddish phenomenon topic

TORONTO —

Although Yiddish has, in the last 20 years, enjoyed a resurgence in the academic world, it has become less popular as an everyday spoken language, says one of the foremost Yiddish scholars in North America.

Prof. Eugene Orenstein of McGill University's Jewish Studies department, says the decline in the wide use of Yiddish is due largely to the fact that "nature is taking its course" with speakers of the language, who tend to be elderly.

Prof. Eugene Orenstein

Orenstein will be in Toronto on Sunday, Nov. 22 to speak at the 11th annual Jewish Book Fair at the Leah Posluns Theatre (4588 Bathurst St.). His 1.30 p.m. lecture, to be delivered in Yiddish, is entitled "Die Yunge in New York: Young American Yiddish Poets at the Turn of the Century." It is co-sponsored by the Jewish Book Fair and the Yiddish committee of Toronto Jewish Congress.

Despite the drop in Yiddish speakers, "we are witnessing a tremendous increase" in the study of the language in universities, Orenstein told The CJN.

Yiddish continues to enjoy strength among chassidic Jews, he added, but the problem is that modern secular Yiddish literature — one of the most "exciting" aspects of the language — cannot be studied by chassidic Jews.

Orenstein, who has taught Yiddish literature, culture and language extensively, has also been a visiting professor of Yiddish at Oxford University in England, which has a major Yiddish program. He is a specialist in the study of Yiddish literature " as it reflects modern Jewish national and social ideologies."

The popularity of the language in academic circles can be seen, he said, by the fact that in North America, about 60 institutes of higher learning offer courses in Yiddish.

Orenstein estimates that Yiddish has about 2 million speakers in the world, most in Israel, North America and Western Europe.

In his lecture, Orenstein will focus on the poems of three turn-of-the-century Yiddish writers, Mani Leyb, Moyshe Leib Halpern and H. Leyuk, who were part of a New York City group known as "Die Yunge," or the young ones.

Selected poems from all three writers will be read by Friends of Yiddish members Hindy Abelson, Nat Garnick and Jeanette Stein, under the direction of Aaron Fainer.

For more information on the lecture, call Sylvia Lustgarten at 635-2883, ext. 155.

Religion, state to be discussed

TORONTO —

The relationship of religion and state in Israel is the subject of an evening at Beth Sholom Synagogue, Nov. 26, 7.30 p.m., sponsored by the New Israel Fund of Canada.

The speakers are Danny Rubinstein, a secular Jew and staff columnist with the Davar newspaper, and Shmuel Safrai, an Orthodox Jew, who is a professor of Jewish history at the Hebrew University.

A $5 admission fee is suggested. For information, 785-1707.

This is one of two evenings sponsored by the fund under the overall title of The Israeli Mosaic: Striving for Unity Within Diversity.

The previous week, two members of Neve Shalom/Wahat-Al Salam, Israel's only coooperative Arab-Jewish settlement, spoke at Beth Tzedec Congregation. They discussed the problems and prospects of coexistence among Arabs and Jews of Israeli citizenship. The speakers were Rayek Rizek and Jacob Sonnenschein.

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Organizations and People

Jewish Vocational Services forum on "future shock"

Kids must learn to be innovative: consultant

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Today's youth must be prepared for the fast-paced, ever-changing technological world to come by being taught how to adapt quickly to new ideas and needs, concluded a forum entitled "Future Shock: Are We Preparing Our Youth?" held recently at the auditorium of the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education.

Frank Feather, president of Global Management Bureau and a consultant on future trends, told the forum sponsored by Jewish Vocational Services of a rapidly changing society, characterized by a redefined family, an aging population and youth unemployment.

Technological skills, an understanding of human relationships and economic insight Feather considered vital. "After all, a child starting kindergarten this September will graduate in 2000."

As well, they must learn how to manage leisure time, which will become more important as the work week consistently decreases.

For all these reasons, Feather said, a "back to basics" approach to education is wrong. "Children must learn how to be innovative; how to manage and create change."

Toronto Board of Education trustee Fiona Nelson said society must not forget to teach children how to make the moral choices necessitated by a technological world. "They must realize that they have the ability, the power and the responsibility to change things of which they disapprove."

She also demanded the right to be eccentric; to be allowed to have one's own ideas, no matter how different they may be, and the confidence to act on them.

Gord McIlwain, Organization Development and Training Manager of Imperial Oil Ltd., said that his company is pleased with the quality of young people entering the work force. "They are adaptable, and are ready and willing to be trained for the particular jobs they are required to do."

Ability to adapt needed

The ability to adapt within an organizational setting is the most necessary ingredient for dealing with the business world of the future, McIlwain said. "It's great to be eccentric but you have to work with people," he added.

Ruth Borchiver, director of the Jewish Vocational Service Educational Counselling Centre, pointed out that the old idea that all you need for success is to work hard, get a good education and good grades is not valid anymore.

The focus of schools, she asserted, must change from education to learning. "Children must learn how to learn, how to take risks, and how to express themselves."

There must be constant dialogue, she said, between students, parents, teachers and administrators as to how best to prepare students for what the future holds.

Because Ontario deputy minister of education Bernard Shapiro who had been scheduled to appear was unable to attend, answers to specific questions on the province's educational system posed by the panel and by the audience remained largely unanswered.

The forum, which was moderated by radio personality David Schatzky, was sponsored by JVS as part of its 40th anniversary celebration.

Three editors to discuss function of Jewish paper

TORONTO —
The function of a Jewish newspaper will be discussed by the editors of three Anglo-Jewish publications at a session of the plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, Nov. 28-29.

Sam Kaplan, editor of Vancouver's Jewish Western Bulletin; Geoffrey Paul, of The Jewish Chronicle in London, England; and Maurice Lucow, of The Canadian Jewish News, will speak at the session Nov. 29 from 2.30 to 4 p.m.

The editors are expected to discuss what they feel the function of a Jewish paper should be. Because Jewish papers are the prime means of communicating events, issues and problems to the community, as well as to the non-Jewish world, they often find themselves the targets of criticism from all sides.

Other sessions added to the plenary recently are Perceptions of Israel in the Public Arena After Forty Years, with Shira Herzog Bessin and David Weinberg of the Canada-Israel Committee, and The Universal and Particular Again: Where are We Headed, with Prof. Arthur Kruger, Elaine Todres and lawyer Eddie Greenspan.

In a luncheon session on the 29th, Israel Gur-Arieh, Israel's ambassador to Canada, will deliver a special address.

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Organizations and People

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Doreen Wicks feted as BB Woman of the Year

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
More than 300 well-wishers from the medical profession and television plus writers, politicians, volunteers, family and friends, rose to their feet to pay tribute to Doreen Wicks, the 1987 Woman of the Year at the B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto's 31st Covenant Breakfast.

"The Woman of the Year is selected on the basis of the effort she has made to serve and improve humanity," Covenant Breakfast chairman Sylvia Hennick told participants at Beth Synagogue.

"Doreen — so strong is your vision, so contagious is your enthusiasm, so magical is your charm — that you have drawn people from diverse backgrounds and concerns to work along side in your excellent organization."

Doreen Wicks is the founder and executive director of GEMS (Global Ed/Med Supplies), an organization which collects surplus medical supplies, farm equipment, and other materials and redistributes them to underdeveloped countries in the Third World.

"Doreen's background involves two main careers — motherhood and nursing — and both of these have led her to where she is today," Marni Collier, Woman of the Year chairman said in introducing the honoree.

"Doreen has devoted most of her life to raising her children and she is a firm believer that being a mother is a top priority," Collier noted.

Seen with B'nai B'rith's Woman of the Year Doreen Wicks (seated left) are her husband, cartoonist Ben Wicks, and (from left) Sylvia Hennick, Marni Collier and Cynthia Suissa.

Wicks, a trained nurse, and her husband Ben, a noted cartoonist, humorist and journalist with The Toronto Star, came to Canada from London, England. As their three children became more independent, she accepted a nursing position at Sunnybrook Hospital.

In 1980, she went to visit her daughter Susan who worked as a volunteer at a home for blind, deaf and disabled children in Port-Au-Prince. Wicks was appalled at the poverty, malnutrition and disease she saw in Haiti where many children suffered from intestinal worms.

She vowed to try to find a way to help these and other children on her return to Canada. "The Haiti trip definitely changed my life," says Doreen.

At no charge from a pharmaceutical company, she obtained the drug Vermox which was sent to Haiti with astonishing results. Before long, she extended her services to other Third World countries.

The Haiti project, says Collier, led Wicks to the notion of finding a solution, rather than merely treating a problem — and GEMS was born." Today, volunteers and nurses throughout the world look to GEMS for desperately needed supplies. The list of countries continues to grow — Somalia, Ethiopia, Chile, Peru and Kenya. And GEMS operates health care projects in Haiti, Jamaica and Liberia.

Ruth Rose, the president of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada and a headtable guest, praised Wicks. "You must be congratulated for your warmth and drive, for your commitment and belief that in your own small way you could make life more bearable and meaningful for the people of Third World countries," she said.

Adding her congratulations, Cynthia Suissa, the president of B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto noted that the Covenant Breakfast has a dual purpose, "a morning of rededication for the B'nai B'rith Women of Toronto to the ideals of BBW, and to honor this year's recipient for her outstanding work for humanity."

On behalf of the 19 chapters in the Toronto area, Suissa cited Wicks as "one of the Canadian women who has gone beyond the normal realms either in her chosen profession, or community, or volunteer service."

Elinor Caplan, Ontario minister of health and a life member of BBW of Canada, brought greetings from Premier David Peterson and praised the organization for its "very appropriate selection of Woman of the Year."

Irving Chapley, a past president of the Regional Council of B'nai B'rith and alderman of North York, represented Metro Toronto Council.

With warmth and affection, Monty Mazin, a friend, chairman of the board of directors of GEMS, and a past president of Montreal's BB Shalom Lodge, thanked BBW of Toronto for "bestowing their highest honor on our outstanding dynamic humanitarian — who is an inspiration to all of us."

In her warm response, the honoree added humor, which is well known in the Wicks family. She noted that "My mother was in the Salvation Army, so she was always marching around the streets banging tambourines, and my father was always hanging out of the pubs waving to her as she passed by."

Thanking her husband for his ongoing support, and her children, Susan McLelland and husband Mark, Vince Wicks and wife Lori, and Kim, Wicks noted the presence of Dr. J. S. Keystone, the director of the Tropical Disease Unit of the Toronto General Hospital and a patron of GEMS, and others who had supported her in her efforts on behalf of the developing world.

Special recognition was given to Sam Sable "who from the beginning was generous in supporting us with warehousing space to store our supplies and equipment." Extending good wishes for continued good health, Wicks added that Sable was celebrating his 75th birthday that day.

Also recognized in the audience were past recipients Ethyle Levine and Bea Wolfe. And a representative of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Jennifer Goldhar, presented Doreen with an award on behalf of the BB girls.

Ben Wicks, expressing his admiration for his wife, told The CJN, "She is the only woman I know who wakes me in the middle of the night to speak about some weird happening in an African country — and is planning to do something about it — and by breakfast, she's made a start."

York Council asks TTC to man subway entrance

TORONTO —
York City Council has passed a resolution calling for the TTC to add a "manned" subway station entrance at St. Clair West station.

The resolution, moved by Alderman Ben Nobleman, calls for the Toronto Transit Commission to install a manned ticket counter on Heath St. from at least 8.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the convenience of senior citizens in the area.

At the moment there is just a token booth at the subway entrance and seniors with tickets are forced to walk a distance to use the transit facility.

In the council's resolution, Nobleman pointed out that there are many senior citizens living in apartments and condominiums on Health St. and Walmer Rd., as well as a 15-storey senior citizens building at the corner of Bathurst St. and Tichester Rd.

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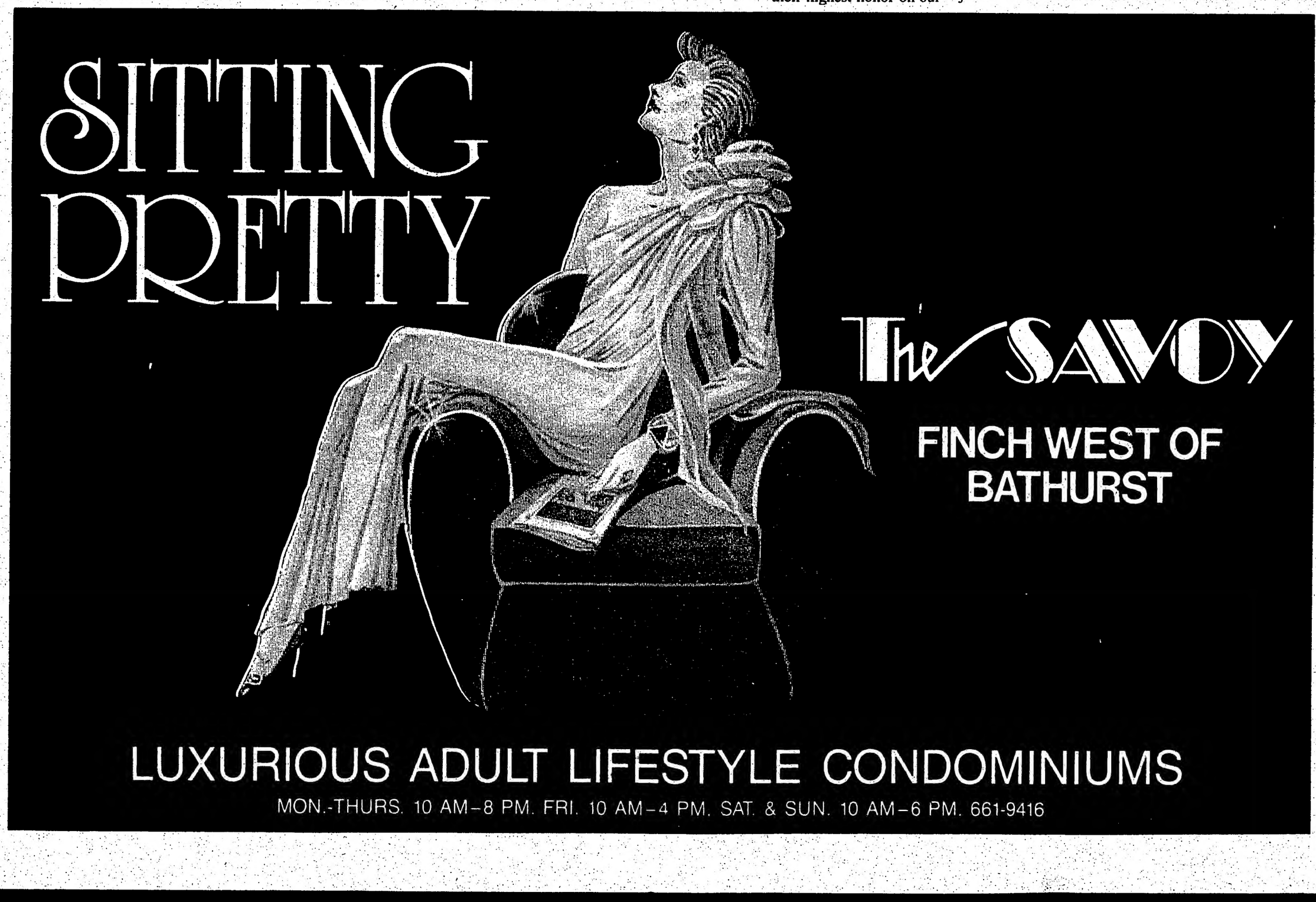
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Young Leadership Development Award

Strubs to share Hamilton community honor

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Arnie and Lila Strub, co-chairmen of programming of the Hamilton Jewish Federation Young Adults Group, are the joint recipients of this year's Young Leadership Development Award. They will be presented with the award at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations now under way in Miami.

Just moved into a new home in Dundas and expecting their first child in March, they're both involved in so many activities that they joke it's just as well they are co-chairmen. Because otherwise, laughs Lila, "we'd probably never get to see each other. It's nice to have something to share. At least we can be together one night a week."

The two met at the University of Toronto, where Arnie was studying economics and commerce and Lila was a chemistry student.

At that time Arnie was already a veteran of NCSY and USY, JCC tweeners and, at 14, "a member of the JCC organizing staff, putting together stuff for teens."

At 16 he was co-chairman of the first UJA teen dance here, which raised $1,100 — "which is very good for kids" — and the following year he resurrected the local AZA chapter, BBYO, after a 10-year lapse, served as president for the first year and went on to become regional BBYO treasurer.

Lila and Arnie Strub

And at university, Arnie served two years as co-chairman of the U of T UJA campaign.

Lila, on the other hand, confesses to having been "very skeptical, very anti-everything."

But all that changed when the two joined a youth mission to Israel in 1981, the year before they were married.

"Lila really got excited and when we came back," says Arnie, "she got involved. And when we came to Hamilton after our marriage, she got involved here."

For Hamilton-born Arnie, 26 and the eldest of the three sons of Isabel and Leo Strub, being involved comes naturally. His mother, a former chairman of the Hamilton UJA women's division and Ontario Region UIA women's division, has been involved in numerous Jewish communal activities for many years, while his father, also very active, is a past JCC president and the current chairman of Jewish Social Services.

And his brothers, Arnie is anxious to point out, followed family tradition. Marty, 24, is married and, like Arnie, working in the family pickle business, and Andy, a second year York University student, succeeded him as BBYO president and went on to regional positions.

Originally from Montreal, Lila is the child of Holocaust survivors. In Toronto since 1974, she lived in an area where there were few Jews and she was the only Jew in high school. But although her mother, Henia Stern, is very active in the Workmen's Circle, Lila herself was "never a part of the Jewish community."

But now, besides the extracurricular activities entailed in her job as a mathematics teacher at Cathedral High School for Girls, Lila is co-chairman of a UJA Women's Division category, third vice-president of her Hadassah chapter and, with her mother-in-law, this year's co-chairman of Hadassah's Youth Aliyah campaign.

Arnie meanwhile is chairman of the UJA telethon, secretary of Hamilton Lodge, B'nai B'rith, B'nai Brith liaison to the McMaster Hillel group and advisor to BBYO.

In the Young Adults Group their objective is Jewish education and to encourage community involvement.

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Organizations and People

Province's plans affect activities

Reena facing new challenge

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —

The Reena Foundation faces a challenge now that the province plans to take developmentally handicapped people out of institutions and integrate them into the community, says Reena president Marilyn Raphael.

Speaking at Reena's recent annual fund raising dinner, Raphael said that although 165 men and women are now on Reena's waiting list, the foundation will do what it can to accommodate the 2,000 or so people the ministry of social services wants to move out of institutions and nursing homes.

Reena, the Hebrew word for joy, is a private agency which provides a variety of services such as group homes, job counselling and advice on household skills to men and women over 18. Although private, Reena receives 80% of its funding from the Government of Ontario.

Raphael, who spoke at length about Reena's purpose, took several minutes to trace the history of the treatment of the developmentally handicapped in Ontario.

She recalled that if her daughter, Sheree, 32, had been born in Ontario over a century ago, Sheree likely would have lived and died in the asylum at Toronto's Fort York, the institution in which the developmentally handicapped in what was then Canada West were automatically placed.

But, Raphael said, she and her daughter were lucky. Because Sheree was born in 1955 and not, say, 1845, she was the beneficiary of the notion which came to the fore in the 1950s that the developmentally handicapped could best be helped by integrating them into the community, not segregating them from it.

And integration, Raphael reminded her audience, was what Reena was all about — "integration into the schoolyard, the workplace and back into the home."

Much of Raphael's speech consisted of a scripted dialogue between herself and a cartoon character, Seymour Potential, projected on a large screen behind her. At the outset, Seymour was portrayed as a perhaps typical Reena patron — interested in attending the annual dinner, having a few drinks, networking but not overly knowledgeable about Reena and its purpose.

But by the end of Raphael's conversation, he had become much better informed and considerably more enthusiastic — so much so that he actually stated his willingness to become dinner chairman for Reena for 1988.

Earlier in the evening, John Sweeney, Ontario's minister of Community and Social Services, presented the Tammy Gutstein humanitarian award to Albert and Cecile Slewin of Toronto. The award honors those who have made outstanding contributions to Reena.

The presentation was an emotional moment for Cecile Slewin. Brushing back tears, she called her husband, standing next to her on the podium, a "giver" and not a "taker" and praised him for what she said were his contributions to charity.

"Albert," she said, "don't get mad at me for saying this but you're the most unbelievable, wonderful human being."

About 750 people attended the dinner which was held at the Constellation Hotel in Etobicoke. The event netted Reena approximately $225,000, Minnie Ross, director of fund raising, told The Canadian Jewish News.

Former NDP leader backs Israeli medical facility

By
ANCIL KASHETSKY

TORONTO —

Israel is not only a fulfilment of a Jewish dream but "a necessity due to the anti-semitism of so many countries over the years," says Donald McDonald, a former leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party.

McDonald was a guest speaker at a recent breakfast and rally held by Ontario Histadrut to raise funds to upgrade the Ben and Edith Himel Medical Clinic in Yavne, Israel, to hospital status.

He told some 100 supporters of the campaign at the Borochov Centre of his recent trip to Israel under auspices of the Histadrut Labor Federation.

McDonald said conversations with public figures and trade unionists showed him that "Israelis today are facing a real dilemma as they ponder a solution to the West Bank and Gaza.

Despite the political polarization he encountered during his 10-day visit, he said the strongest impression from his trip was, "the passionate desire in Israel at the moment to find a real and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors."

Referring to Canada's discriminatory immigration policies towards Jews during World War II, Mr. McDonald said, "Canada must take a share of the blame of world anti-semitism and therefore remain a strong supporter of Israel.

McDonald called on supporters of the Histadrut campaign to make donations to the campaign to upgrade the Ben and Edith Himel Medical Clinic because, "projects like the clinic and thousands of others like it help build the infrastructure of Israel and enhance the well being of the country."

McDonald received strong applause when he said he was making a donation to the campaign on behalf of himself and his wife, who was also in attendance.

Hy Fogelman, executive director for the Ontario Histadrut campaign, called McDonald's donation "a generous one."

He said the funds were being raised to construct a second floor to the present clinic and that the expansion was necessary because the population of the Yavne has quadrupled since the existing unit was built in 1975. The building is named after Ben and Edith Himel of Toronto.

Fogelman said the construction of the additional 1½ stories would upgrade the unit from a clinic to a hospital. The cost of the expansion is $800,000 (Canadian), Fogelman said. Toronto's share for this construction project was $250,000, with the Israeli government paying the balance.

Also in attendance was Lou Wasser, the president of the Stopnitzer Society, The Pharmacy Wing of the present clinic is named after his father Pinchus Wasser.

Let's UJA Talk...

Hershy Weinberg (right) looks like he's in the middle of a comedy routine, judging by the response from Lynda Halpern and David Wolpin. The shenanigans took place at the Fashion Division get-together at the Park Plaza Hotel.

We're really "getting down to business" on Tuesday, November 24. That's the latest word from the Business Division.

The format, similar to last year's, consists of two separate sessions on the same day. Breakfast and speaker **Harry Rosen,** President of Harry Rosen Gentlemen's and Women's Apparel — followed by telephone canvassing until noon.

Luncheon speaker is **Ira Gluskin,** a partner in the firm of Gluskin Sheff & Associates, to be followed by an afternoon telethon.

Chairmen for the day's event are **Sam Schwartz, Lloyd Weiss** and **David Wintre.**

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A student leadership dinner has been slated for Sunday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lipa Green Building.

Guest speaker will be **Adi Sultanik,** Director of Leadership Development for Keren Hayesod, Israel.

Campus Campaign Chairmen at the University of Toronto are **Jon Anschell, Michael Pink** and **Ely Razin.** At York University they are **Cheryl Needleman** and **Lianne Sone.**

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The Synagogue Division, under the overall chairmanship of **Lawrence Cherniak, David Stokes, David West** and **Wilf Yaffe,** has begun a series of telethons with a great input from B'nai Brith. The first had a turnout of 30 lodge members.

On November 12 it was Beth Sholom night for the synagogues' general membership. It was organized by Beth Sholom UJA Chairman, **Sid Solomons.**

On the 15th, Beth Emeth took over the telephones for the evening, with Chairman **Hy Agasee** in charge.

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Did you notice the happy trio in the photo heading this column? It was that kind of evening at "A Fashion Night Out," at the Park Plaza.

Hosted by Fashion Division Chairmen **Hy Balsky** and **Harry Rosen,** it was a warm and wonderful way of saying "thank you" to the members of their committee for all the work they had done in the way of ongoing research in the reorganization of the division.

A special bonus was the appearance of **Zvi Garcy,** who just happened to be in town overnight before going on to Montreal. Zvi will be back here shortly for a lengthier stay before the campaign reaches its official conclusion.

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A sure sign that the Societies Division is close to winding up its campaign is the imminent departure for southern climes by **Henry Yoskovich** and **Marshall Jubas.**

As the Division Chairman **Harry Binder** will readily testify, those two gentlemen have given countless hours and expended great effort on behalf of the campaign over the years and this one is no exception. They've earned their holiday in the sun.

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Although a number of campaigns are close to completion, there is still a great deal of activity in many quarters of the Societies Division.

Almost complete is the Wierzbniker Friendly Society campaign, under UJA Chairman **Abe Zukerman.**

The Chenstochover Society Ladies Auxiliary is doing an excellent job in honoring their commitment to a special project taken on in Beit Dagan. Bringing in cheques are the Chairmen **Esther Skovronek, Mrs. Jack Swan** and **Mrs. Al Kochen.**

We know what the women are doing....how about the men? President **Phil Skovronek** arranged a campaign breakfast at 12 Viewmount. UJA chairman is **Sam Yakubowicz.**

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Meyer Sankiewicz and **Sam Bresler,** UJA Chairman and President of B'nai Radom, report very good results to date in their campaign.

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Small can be also be good. We're referring to the Shedlitz Lookover Society, whose membership, although quite small, goes all out for Israel and UJA. **Harry Goldfarb** is UJA Chairman.

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Harry Binder, who also represents the New Jewish Fraternal Association, wants to go on record in expressing his gratitude for the assistance he's received from **Hy Naistein** in the Association's current campaign.

He also points out the exceptional work of **Sam Lipshitz** who was on the Jewish Hour week after week, talking UJA.

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Educational Professionals in Hebrew Schools are maintaining a 21% increase, according to Chairman **Harold Malitzky.**

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Henry Yoskowich leaves for his winter home hiatus a happy man, thanks to **Morris Baker** and the members of the All for One Society. They presented the Treasury Gifts Chairman with a cheque for quite a substantial amount.

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The Zaglembier Society campaign luncheon meeting was held in the Lipa Green Building last Sunday. Presiding were the President, **David Bleeman** and UJA Chairmen **Joe Kichler** and **Ben Eisenstein.**

The women held their closing meeting of the season, where President **Regina Eisenstein** presented a cheque towards a kindergarten project the Ladies Auxiliary took on in Ramat Hasharon. The committee includes **F. Besser** and **Mrs. Charles Goldfinger.**

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And finally, for his year-to-year dedication and consistency in coming through on behalf of the campaign, special appreciation goes to **Jeshua Friedland** of the Pultusker Society.

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Organizations and People

Compares current situation to Bismark's Germany

Grafstein sees new danger of anti-semitism

By
PHILLIP FINE

TORONTO —

Anti-semitism could break out again in the West, but only if Jews allow it to, Liberal Senator Jerry Grafstein recently told a breakfast meeting at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue.

Speaking to the annual meeting of Toronto's Council of Jewish Brotherhoods, Grafstein said that there now exist in the Western World conditions similar to those which, in the mid-1880s, helped launch a wave of anti-semitism in Bismarck's Germany.

But a similar development, Grafstein said, need not happen in Canada as long as Jews fight any weakening of the country's fundamental freedoms and any attack against Canada's minority peoples.

Grafstein pointed out that under Bismarck, Jews flourished. Berlin, he said, was more Jewish than German and it was a Jew, Gerson Bleichroder, who bankrolled many of Bismarck's policies.

But a backlash set in against Jews following events which bear a disturbing resemblance to those which have recently shaken the West, said the senator.

In the mid-1880s, Grafstein said, Germany's moderate political parties were preempted on the left by the socialists and on the right by the ultra-Conservatives, led by August Bebel.

Today, the New Democratic Party has, at the federal level, dislodged the Liberals in the opinion polls and, in France, rightists, led by Maurice LePen, are rapidly gaining strength.

Continuing his analogy between Germany and the modern era, Grafstein noted how anti-Jewish feelings in that country coincided with a collapse in the stock market similar to the crash which recently shook the world's financial system.

Citing another development which bodes ill for Jews, Grafstein noted that the number one bestseller in Japan now is a book which blames Jews for anti-Japanese feelings in the United States.

To guard against the possibility that anti-semitism might indeed flower anew, Grafstein urged Canadian Jews to fight any weakening of the rule of law or of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms which might imperil minorities. He also said Jews must stand up for minority rights — even if such rights are those of non-Jews.

Senator Jerry Grafstein

Another step Canadian Jews could take to prevent the reoccurrence of anti-semitism, Grafstein said, was to ensure that Nazi war criminals in Canada are brought to justice — but only, he added, under the fair application of the law.

In bringing Nazis to book, it was also important, he added, that Jews strengthen their ties with both Polish and Ukrainian Canadians.

Grafstein's last major recommendation for fighting anti-semitism was to call on Canadian Jews to pressure Israelis to stop fighting one another.

Max Clements, Shaarei Tefillah, installed the Council of Jewish Brotherhood's new board of directors: Bernie Parl, Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1st vice-president; Jerry Begelman, Beth David-B'nai Israel-Beth Am, 2nd vice-president; Alex Hechtsh, Shaarei Tefillah, 3rd vice-president; Dave Kaminker, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, treasurer.

Hillel Nahon, Petah Tikvah-Anshe Castilla Congregation, corresponding secretary; and Ben Goldmintz, Adath Israel Congregation, recording secretary. Murray Kaye, Temple Sinai, is the council's new president.

Hamilton community honors Burman

Nursing home may be built

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

There is optimism here that the Jewish community may soon be able to add a nursing home to Shalom Village.

Although conceding that it may still "be a little premature," Shalom Village president Leon Price nevertheless admitted he has "a feeling that this is another dream coming to fruition."

The earlier dream had been Shalom Village, and Price made the remarks during his official presentation of a trip to Israel for two on behalf of Shalom Village to administrator Sheila Burman at a champagne brunch in her honor.

Two hundred and seventy guests attended the brunch at Adas Israel Synagogue, honoring Burman for her "22 years of dedicated service to the community" and, in particular, her determined fight to establish Shalom Village.

Noting that "it takes one person with enthusiasm to shlepp an entire community," Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel Synagogue described Shalom Village as Burman's "most dramatic achievement.

"Your love of doing mitzvoth, especially for the elderly, elevates you to the hall of fame of this community," he told her.

Confined to a series of brief tributes and highlights of her career by coworkers, staff, residents, friends and family members in a This Is Your Life presentation emceed by Paul Hanover, the event was memorable for its feelings of genuine appreciation and warmth.

An especially moving moment was when Elizabeth Rosa, a Holocaust survivor from Czechoslovakia, recuperating from serious surgery, presented Burman with a large photograph of residents and staff on behalf of the residents and haltingly expressed her gratitude "for the possibility to live in this home."

Others taking part in the program included Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom and Rabbi Israel Silverman of Beth Jacob Synagogue, Burman's husband David and son Geoffrey; National Council of Jewish Women members Sophie Berenbaum, and Rae Rosenberg; volunteers Sharyn Gunter and Ruth Goldberg; former JCC executive director Bill Stern; first president of the Hamilton Jewish Home for the Aged, Lew Ross, social service worker Susan Miles and Isabel Strub, brunch convenor and chairman.

In her response, Burman, a former NCJW president in Toronto and Hamilton, credited the organization with "opening my eyes to the world around us . . . giving me an education not available anywhere else" and with "directing me into the field of gerontology."

Shalom Village, she continued, "is a very special place dedicated to maintaining an excellent quality of life, but my dream has always been to have a nursing home. There is nothing so devastating for the elderly than having to leave a Jewish environment to enter a non-Jewish home." The same team that envisioned Shalom Village is now working to obtain a nursing home, she added.

Price said later that 240 beds are being made available in the Hamilton area, and Shalom Village has applied for 60.

With the aid of consultants, supported by politicians and following many meetings with Baycrest, Shalom Village submitted "an excellent and very professional presentation" to the Ontario ministry of health and welfare last July. By including provision for the care of Alzheimer's patients "our concept goes a step further than many" and Price is "highly optimistic" that it will be accepted.

He expects the decision to be announced early in January and if the application is successful, the nursing home will be built adjacent to Shalom Village on its own property.

Harbourfront activities

TORONTO —

Harbourfront is not hibernating this winter; there is much for visitors to enjoy, indoors and out.

This month the largest outdoor skating rink in North America opens for morning, afternoon and evening skating, against a picturesque landscape of icy lake and starlit skies.

After skating, warm up by watching or participating in improvisational comedy Theatre Sports, take a walk through The Power Plant where filmmaker David Cronenberg and sculptor Mark Prent depict horror in film and art. Or check out German- and-Soviet-directed films presented by the International Film Series.

Besides the free family concerts, November activities also include the Premiere Dance Theatre presenting the Desrosiers Dance Theatre who incorporate dance, theatre, mime and other special effects.

Elliot Feld brings his 22-member ballet company to Harbourfront for its Toronto premiere, with special guest appearances by Karen Kain, through to Nov. 22.

In December, the National Tap Dance Company will tap their way to Harbourfront with the full-length thriller, The Hounds of the Baskervilles. The Power Plant will present an architectural series, featuring an installation project by Larry Richards and a solo exhibition featuring the work of Toronto installation artist Brian Groombridge.

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Organizations and People

Man of the Year function nets $6 million

Bonds' Fashion Division honors Alex Richman

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A man for whom affection was openly and unabashedly evident was honored as the Man of the Year by the Fashion Division of State of Israel Bonds at a glittering reception in Toronto's fashion district.

The object of this tribute, Alex Richman, past president of Almar Industries, not only received a plaque from the government of Israel, but also one from Toronto Alderman Dale Martin for his work in promoting the fashion industry.

Highlight of the evening in the swank Nygard Building was the announcement that the Fashion Division has sold $5.5 million in State of Israel bonds, a new record for a single Bond function.

Later, Jack Schwartz, formerly of Metro Textiles, said he and Chris Kuzik, executive director of the Toronto Dress and Sportswear Manufacturers' Guild Inc., have pledged to sell another $500,000 for a grand total of $6 million.

Schwartz said the main reason for the new record sales was the work of Alex Richman. The latter, hearing all these figures floating about, decided to add a lighter touch by asking his 85-year-old father, Abraham, who was in the audience, to come up and sign a check for him.

Richman deprecated his own efforts, saying that people had come to see the building, not him. The Nygard building at the corner of Niagara and Portland streets is indeed a major attraction, boasting a dome, the roof of which was opened to the stars as the formal part of the reception concluded.

Cries of "oohs" and "aahs" were heard as the fresh night air blew in.

Benjamin Abileah, Israel's consul-general in Toronto, presented a medal to Richman from the Israel government.

Almar Industries, which Richman headed, is Canada's largest bridal manufacturer. He is also a principal in Leaseplan Auto Leasing, Highland Country Spring Water and Westchester Sportswear.

On behalf of State of Israel Bonds, Alex Grossman presented awards to Schwartz and Kuzik, who, with Richman, have been co-chairmen of the fashion division campaign for seven years.

"I don't mind the award to Chris, but I've played golf with Schwartz for at least 30 years and I beat him easily, except the last two times he beat me, so it hurts," Grossman said.

Abileah presented a plaque from State of Israel Bonds to Peter Nygard, owner of the building, acknowledging his generous donation of his building for the event. Abileah noted that Israel and Finland, Nygard's birthplace, are the only two countries that have never defaulted on debt payments.

"I am not Jewish but I am proud to be part of the Jewish community," Nygard said in response. "I am totally committed to Jewish causes and it is a great honor to be part of this cause."

Kuzik, the master of ceremonies, said Nygard "has put the sizzle back in the fashion industry, exemplifying the best in show business."

Flowers were presented to Shirley Richman by their daughter, Arlene. The Richmans have just celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Joseph Cordiano, MPP for Downsview, brought greetings from Premier David Peterson.

Industry members and their wives in attendance included Saul Mimran and Joe Mimran, Monaco Group; Nathan Gold, president of Town and Country Shops; Abby Beker, president of Beker Fashions; Marshall Clavir, Lady Manhattan; Henry Green and Jerry Green, Green Brothers Furs; Bob Kutner, president of Jones Apparel Group; Percy Lindzon and Paul Lindzon, president and vice-president of Lindzon Ltd.

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Bonds honoree Alex Richman (right) and Peter Nygard. [Marie Josee Crete photo]

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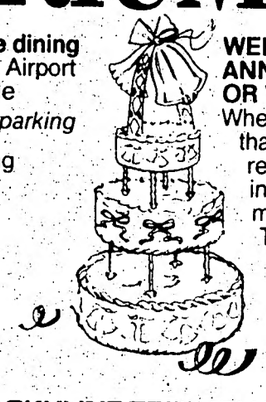

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"Beyond human repayment"

Four Dutch families honored for saving Jews

By
AVI HYMAN

TORONTO —

"Righteous Among the Nations" awards were presented recently to four Ontario families of Dutch origin by the Yad Vashem Holocaust Remembrance Authority.

The families were honored for saving Jews at the risk of their lives during the years of the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied the Netherlands.

The awards were presented by the ambassador of Israel to Canada Israel Gur-Arieh, and Israeli Consul Benjamin Abileah. The ceremony, under the auspices of Ontario Minister of Citizenship Gerry Phillips, took place in the Government Caucus Room at Queen's Park.

The honorees were Elizabeth Visser-Yven of Hamilton, Johan and Rurdtie DeJong of Brampton, Gerda Vrugteveen of Beamsville and Tiedje Van Manen-Kalsbeek of Toronto.

"We are proud and honored today to recognize four Ontario families who, during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, protected and sheltered their Jewish neighbors," said Phillips, in introducing the proceedings.

"You and your families demonstrated tremendous love and courage to assist others in need. You merit the highest esteem," he told the honorees.

Consul-General Abileah explained that the Knesset enacted the Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Law in 1953, which instituted the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Authority.

saved three Jewish couples by hiding them on their farm in Northern Holland.

The late Teunis Van Manen and his wife Tiedje Van Manen-Kaslbeek and their family saved three Jews by hiding and caring for them. Gerda Vrugteveen and her parents saved a Jewish family by hiding them on their farm.

Visser-Yven, with tears in her eyes and her voice cracking, took the podium to tell the audience, "we loved to do it; we never expected to be honored."

Other officials at the ceremony included Joel Dimitry, Canadian chairman of the Canadian Friends of Yad Vashem, Johannes Jansen, Consul General of the Netherlands and representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"One of the most cherished Dutch traditions is to give shelter to the oppressed," Jansen told the crowd.

Charles Zaionz, representing CJC, described the honorees' activities as being of "singular courage, path of compassion and love, beyond human repayment."

In addition to receiving a certificate and medallion, the honorees were told that a tree was to be planted in their names on the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles leading to the Yad Vashem monument in Jerusalem.

Israeli Ambassador Israel Gur-Arieh (third from left), Consul-General Benjamin Abileah (right) and Ontario Citizenship Minister Gerry Phillips (fourth from left) are seen with four families honored as Righteous Gentiles.

Risked their lives

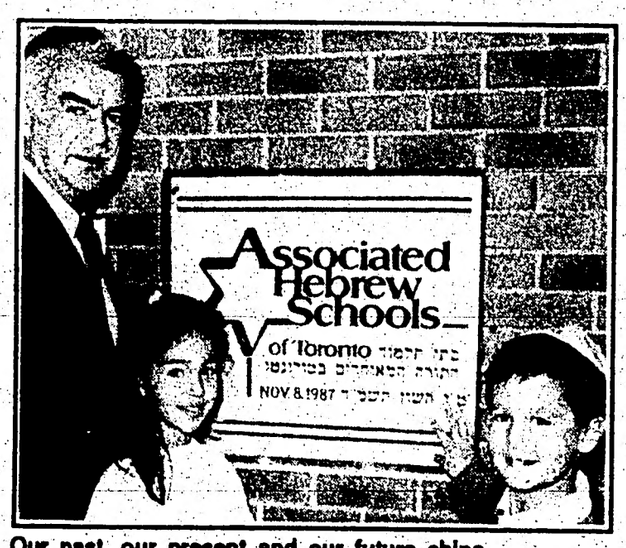
The law also charged Yad Vashem with extending recognition by Israel to the Righteous Among the Nations — individuals who risked their lives to save Jews from Nazi tyranny.

"Holland leads the rest of the countries in the number of individuals honored, exceeding 2,000," Abileah told the audience.

Ambassador Gur-Arieh, who lived in Nazi-occupied Romania, told the honorees that, "Jewish people are deeply indebted to you (because) you opened your homes, shared your food, risked your lives.

"We will never forget those who helped us, who gave us hope and faith in human kindness; you will always be in our hearts," Gur-Arieh added.

Johan and Rurdtie DeJong and their family hid several Jews in their home in Ylst. The late William Yven and his daughter Elizabeth Visser-Yven



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Organizations and People

Gives substance to modern Orthodox movement, rabbi says

Soloveitchik praised for leadership, abilities

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik's towering intellect, his outstanding talents as a teacher and his leadership abilities have given direction, substance and legitimacy to the modern Orthodox movement in North America, said Toronto-born Rabbi Bernard Rosensweig.

"I am uncomfortable with the term 'modern' or 'centrist' Orthodoxy," he said as an aside. "I prefer the term 'authentic Orthodoxy.' "

Rosensweig, professor of history at Yeshiva University, was speaking at B'nai Torah Congregation in North York at the final lecture of a series on Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchick's philosophy, sponsored by the Mizrachi Organization of Canada and the Toronto Council of Mizrachi.

Soloveitchik, said Rosensweig, was a prodigy in Torah studies as a child. Later, he was one of a group of brilliant Torah scholars, including the present Lubavitcher Rebbe and Toronto's Rabbi Abraham Price, studying philosophy at the University of Berlin. He was the only one to get a PhD.

He is thus "the legitimate heir of the Rambam," dedicated to Torah, but comfortable in the secular world.

Through his work at the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS) at Yeshiva University, and as chairman of the Halachic Commission of the Rabbinical Council of America, he has influenced thousands of rabbis and lay people, and has given important decisions on many major religious and social issues.

Unfortunately, Rosensweig pointed out, unlike Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, most of Soloveitchik's teachings have been given orally, and thus are subject to misinterpretation. "Everyone used the Rav to bolster his own opinion."

He deplored the attempts by the Rav's (as he is called by his followers) opponents on the extreme right to denigrate his teachings and to make him into a non-person by refusing to refer to him by name. "They refer to him, if at all, as J.B."

However, those who know him, said Rosensweig, know the firm, uncompromising positions he has taken on matters of vital concern to the observant community.

Soloveitchik lambasted Orthodox rabbis who were lax about enforcing separate seating for men and women during prayer, stating emphatically that "a synagogue with mixed seating forfeits its sanctity."

Just because one has an absolute commitment to Torah does not mean one rejects this world as contaminated, teaches the Rav. "After all," said Rosensweig, "when Abraham came to the Promised Land, he paid taxes, learned the language and went to war when necessary to defend it. Yet, he never wavered in his religious faith."

He quoted Rabbi Soloveitchik's "14th Principle of Faith" (the 13 Principles of Faith are the basic statements of Jewish religious belief as stated by Maimonides) as "I believe with a perfect heart that the Torah was given to be fully carried out for all time and in all places here on earth."

Those who maintain that we must isolate ourselves from the world, according to Soloveitchik, in effect agree with the Reform philosophy that it is impossible to keep the Torah within the modern world.

"Rabbi Soloveitchik believes that the Torah is eternal. It can deal with the problems of any given age."

Soloveitchik, went on Rosensweig, has played a key role in determining the relationship of the Rabbinical Council of America, and thus the modern Orthodox rabbis and lay people, with both the non-Orthodox and the non-Jewish worlds.

In matters dealing with Jewish relations and involvement with the outside world, Jews of all persuasions must be united, and work together. "Any division can undermine the whole."

On the other hand, in internal matters, such as the synagogue, education and Halacha, the Rav insists that "we must maintain our unity as a Torah community, and not join with groups that deny our vision of the universe." For this reason, while the RCA sits on various communal organizations with Conservative and Reform Jews, those following the Rav's teachings are forbidden, for instance, to have joint religious services.

Similarly, according to the Rav, we must join with non-Jewish forces in dealing with problems of world concern, such as the elimination of disease and the protection of human rights. There is, however, no justification, in his opinion, for entering into theological discussions with those of other faiths.

"The Rav would have rejected the travesty of the recent meetings in Florida between Jewish leaders and the Pope as a desecration of Jewish dignity."

Rabbi Soloveitchik, said Rosensweig, has a great love for the land and the state of Israel. For this reason, he has authorized the use of the Israeli Chief Rabbinate's Yom Ha'atzmaut service in Orthodox synagogues.

While disagreeing with Mizrachi views and actions at times, Soloveitchik is nonetheless committed to religious Zionism. "He is convinced that Mizrachi saved the honor of religious Jews in Israel, and that without it the yeshiva world could never have transplanted itself in Israel after the Holocaust.

"Israeli officials of all stripes, every prime minister from Ben-Gurion to Begin, and every chief rabbi, have visited the Rav, to bask on his wisdom and counsel," said Rabbi Rosensweig.

Winnipeg's oldest shul could not be saved

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
The oldest existing synagogue in Winnipeg has fallen to the wrecker's ball. The Lubavitcher Shul on Magnus Ave. near MacGregor St. in the old North End had been on the city's Historic Buildings conservation list since 1983, but it had been removed from the list in March after vandals broke in and badly damaged the interior.

"When the police phoned and told me about the break-in, I actually lost words for the first time in my life," said life-long member Phil Kravetsky. "It really broke my heart."

The gang of youths smashed the seat and ark, broke most of the original stained-glass windows and started a fire. Fortunately, the Torah scrolls were in Israel being restored. Kravetsky had hoped to turn the old shul into a Jewish museum.

Built in 1922, the Lubavitcher was the oldest synagogue in Winnipeg. The building was designed by a CPR draftsman for Lithuanian immigrants and had four stained-glass windows. An example of the old shul architecture, the Lubavitcher, along with the still active Ashkenazi Shul a few blocks away on Burrows, were the only ones left with the women's gallery upstairs.

During the 1920s and 30s, the shul was a central meeting place for Jewish immigrants. As families moved farther north or south after the war, attendance slowly declined. When the decision was made to discontinue services a year ago Rosh Hashanah, paid membership stood at 45, with another 100 auxiliary members.

"Part of the membership wanted to retain the building and get estimates to see if it was feasible to redo it and open a museum," said Kravetsky, "but, due to the continuing vandalism, we decided to raze the building before the winter."

The cornerstones and marble name plate have been moved to the new Chabad House. One of the stained-glass windows was salvageable and has been retained. The plaques have been removed and are being refurbished. Many of the nameplates from the ladies' section are being forwarded to the families throughout North America.

The Jewish Historical Society has saved the iron fence, the only one of its kind still around.

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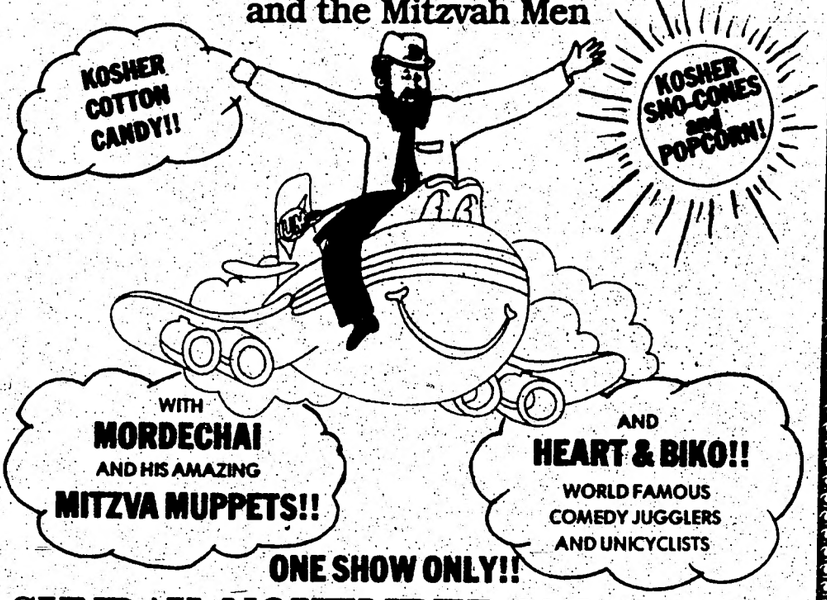

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Organizations and People

Aba and Esther Danilack Education Campus dedicated

Associated anniversary dinner honors Daniels

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

A small investment in humanity 50 years ago continues to yield above average dividends for Associated Hebrew Schools, Toronto's Jews and the community at large.

"To my family, this school gave life and a lifetime of learning," John (Jack) Daniels told an audience of some 550 people at Associated's recent 80th anniversary dinner.

The Toronto developer and philanthropist was being honored for his fund raising efforts on behalf of Associated's newest branch, at 6100 Leslie. In a moving ceremony earlier that evening, it was officially dedicated as The Aba and Esther Danilack Education Campus, named after Daniels' late parents.

In August, 1937, Danilack, a teacher in Warsaw, petitioned the board of Associated, then known as the Brunswick Avenue Talmud Torah of Toronto, for an invitation to teach.

Only with such an invitation, Danilack wrote, would the Canadian government consider his request for an immigration permit.

"In light of the persecutions and anti-semitic riots which are taking place continually in our country, and at a time when our lives are lives of fear and insecurity, there is one hope for all Jews: To leave the borders of Poland quickly. Anyone who has even a glimmer of hope and does not utilize a moment of opportunity is to blame for his own life . . .

". . . I must muster the inner strength to turn to you, honored members of the board, with a warm and enthusiastic request that you perhaps may have an unfilled position — for my intention is not to harm any other individual — in which I could be added to your school as a teacher and Jewish educator."

The letter, in Hebrew, outlined impressive qualifications and skills. Verifying documents were included.

The letter concludes: "My hope is strong that my request will not return unfulfilled. May God recompense you for this act of kindness forever."

The school, after some financial hesitation, invited him to come to Toronto for a 1-year term. Danilack and his family received the immigration permit from a government that was to become notorious for its entry restrictions, particularly in the case of Jews.

"As a child pulling out of the Warsaw train station with my family on Feb. 15, 1939, I wondered how many of my 23 classmates I would ever see again," said Daniels. "There was only one other survivor besides me," a friend Leon who came out of the Holocaust badly crippled and mentally disabled.

Danilack became an esteemed member of Associated's teaching staff until his death in 1971.

"His young son Jack was determined to pay the school back," said veteran Associated fund raiser Morris Kaufman, who presented Daniels with an award.

Daniels, in the process of becoming one of Toronto's leading developers, was instrumental in the purchase of the Bathurst-Finch site, and construction of Associated's building there for $2¼ million.

"In January, 1979," said Kaufman, "Jack launched the Leslie Street campaign with a pledge card for $1 million.

Some $2½ million remains to be raised for the Leslie branch, now in full operation. Robert, one of Daniel's children, presented his father with a check for $125,000, on behalf of all Daniels' children, to go toward the deficit.

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"It is no longer tolerable that discrimination is allowed to continue in education in this province," incoming Associated president Les Scheininger told the anniversary dinner. "We must continue to press for government funding."

Scheininger said that the drive for "fairness, equity, and equality" would be a major challenge for the school.

He described Associated as "the most important type of institution, one devoted to the transmission of Jewish values and knowledge while providing excellent secular studies."

Henry Koschitzky, outgoing president, said that pivotal recent developments included:

• Completion of the Leslie campus.

• The acquisition of land in Thornhill for the next campus.

• The institution of staff recognition awards, in an effort to improve communications between staff and management.

Koschitzky was given an award by Harold Dessen, immediate past president.

Toronto Jewish Congress president Herb Rosenfeld praised the school's role in providing leadership. "The large number of Associated alumni in leadership roles in our various agencies contribute to making Toronto's community one of the most viable in the world," he said.

Longtime supporter Wilferd Gordon, a past president, recalled the pivotal role of one of the school's early founders, his father Rabbi Jacob Gordon.

Dinner chairman Didi Urbach emceed the event. She, Dr. Bernard Green, and Barry Naiberg are the three new vice-presidents for 1987-88.

Prof. Sydney Eisen, chairman of the school's Vaad Hachinuch (education committee), presented an award to York University education dean Andrew Effrat. York provided Associated with a curriculum review free of charge, "as part of York's community service."

Israel Consul-General Benjamin Abileah described Associated, which now has some 3,200 students from nursery through grade school, as the "source of the commitment and warmth of this wonderful community."

Dessen installed the new officers. They include Louis Weisfeld as chairman of the board, Israel Mida as finance committee chairman, Jack Brudner as treasurer and Theodore Zubata as secretary.

Henry Koschitzky (left), Didi Urbach and (right) Les Scheininger make presentation of appreciation to Sam Shainhouse for his contribution as co-chairman of the Leslie Campus funding committee.

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Some are bold — an Egyptian theme in black and gold lurex on white; others are fanciful — three-dimensional tennis or beach scenes; or just eye-catching — a large black and white cow or the white head and neck of a goose stand out on red backgrounds.

There are also bold florals like a Mondrian painting, stripes, sea shells, anchors or geometric patterns.

All have one thing in common — they draw attention to the wearer.

Cotton sweaters were introduced because of consumer demand for natural fibres, while the move toward attention-grabbing patterns began in the United States with such labels as Boston Traders, said Mary McEllister, owner of Green Gables House of Fashion in London.

Canadian manufacturers picked up on the idea and now produce sweaters of their own, creatively designed and well-constructed.

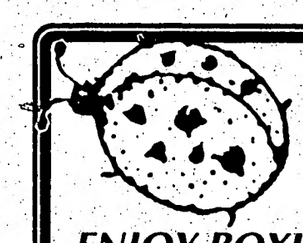
Although the label may state they are hand-knit, most are actually produced on hand-operated knitting machines, not with needles, to keep the price reasonable. The black and white cow design, for example, is $68.

Sweater shapes are not as exaggerated as in past seasons, shoulder pads are less bulky and lengths are not as long. The look is proportionate rather than extreme.

Many sweaters are banded at the bottom, but are not snug, says McEllister. "You can make it work to your advantage," placing the band at the hip and blousing out the sweater or rolling the band under — a good style for a short-waisted woman.

Round necklines are favored over V-necks, she says, adding that "sweaters have such nice shoulders now, so you don't need that longer look the V gives."

Model wears a pink ruffled sweater with handsewn pearls from the Sweaters by Gail collection.



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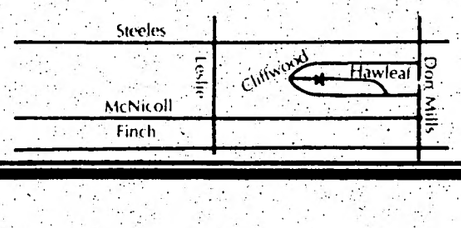

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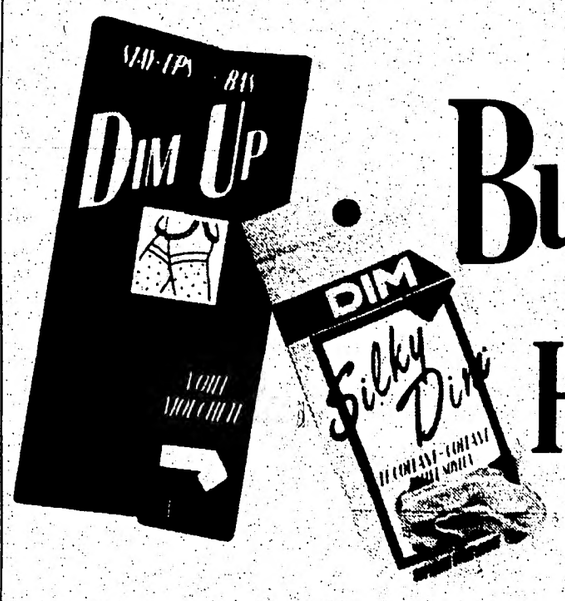

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International competition

CJN fashion edition wins graphics award

By WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

In vogue or not, The Canadian Jewish News, together with Web Offset Publications Ltd., has won a merit award in an international graphics and printing competition.

The CJN's 1987 spring fashion supplement has won a certificate in the 1987 PIA (Printing Industries of America) Graphic Arts Awards Competition. More than 6,700 entries — the greatest number in the competition's 37 years — were judged in 55 categories submitted by printing and graphic arts firms from around the world.

CJN Business Manager Gary Laforet, who designed the award winner in the non-heatset category, said the competition judges entries on the preparation of color material and the production values of the edition with a focus on color reproduction.

Laforet explained that in preparing a color transparency (a positive) for newspaper use, the colors are separated into black and the three primary colored plates — cyan (blue), magenta (red) and yellow. Secondary colors are formed when these plates are superimposed.

Laforet said The CJN's color separations were executed by Legg Bros. Graphics which uses a system called Acromatic. Unlike conventional separations which sometimes have an excess of color making certain areas ill-defined, Acromatic is "a more refined procedure of preparing artwork . . . it eliminates unnecessary color in dark areas."

He said that "it's the first graphics competition we've been in" and it's quite an accomplishment.

"It makes us feel proud. (Former fashion editor) Len Butcher and I and everyone else involved thought we were producing a good product but it's nice to have the recognition of an international award.

"It's especially satisfying that we won it working with a company outside The CJN," he said, adding that hopefully it will reinforce "our clients' opinion of our color work."

Bill Goldie of Web says that "when a piece you've produced is judged against the finest in the world, and then wins an award like this, it really makes a statement about the capabilities of your firm."

A photo of the supplement cover will be included in a PIA annual publication which features color photos of all winners. This is regarded as a top reference and idea source by media buyers and graphic arts businesses.

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Fashion

Kidswear team launches first adult collection

By
LORI SMITH

In the past few years, the husband and wife artist-designer team of Ian and Renee Leventhal has become known for their innovative collection of children's clothing.

However, this season they will introduce their first adult line: a "very serious" group of tops which will be available for holiday and cruise.

The 2-Much collection takes the novelty and fun that have been the trademarks of the Leventhal's Peas in a Pod line and applies them in a grown-up elegant manner.

For holiday the line features a selection of tops in white or black fleece, black velvet and silver or gold lurex on a black background. They are decorated with embroidered clocks and compasses in gold or silver; 3-D mesh and metal bows; double rows of gold buttons; floral appliques; fabric bows, and jungle motif scenes. And the silhouettes are easy-fitting and comfortable.

The cruise line uses many of the same designs — a clock, a compass, a tiger-jungle scene, but is only available in white cotton-polyester fleece.

In addition to the long, slightly oversized tops, the cruise group includes a flared 24-inch skirt and tight skinny pants. All of the separates are available in small, medium and large.

This season's collection of children's coordinates, which the Leventhals produce under the Peas in a Pod label, is an internationally influenced line.

Ian Leventhal says that the group bears witness to Japanese silhouettes, French fashion flair and American coloring.

The garments, which are available for boys and girls in sizes 2, 4, 6, youth small, youth medium and youth large, are made of cotton-polyester interlock or fleece and are offered in a range of colors including black, red, white, royal blue, navy and salt and pepper.

The silhouettes are contemporary and comfortable. They include bubble skirts, oversized jumpsuits, tights, turtlenecks, mini skirts, poodle skirts, balloon-pleated pants, balloon dresses and a Chanel-look jacket.

The images on the turtlenecks and sweatshirts feature sequin details and appliques of rocketships, cats, dinosaurs, ducks and parrots. One of the most imaginative touches is the continuation of the design on the back of the garment.

The Peas in a Pod collection for fall and winter is available at Kidz, Freddy B's, Kiddingaround, Brettons and Heaven to Seven.

The 2-Much line is available at Brookers, Fashions By The Lane, Creeds and Moda Oggi.

A bubble skirt, leggings and mock turtleneck "cat" top from the Peas in a Pod collection for fall and winter.

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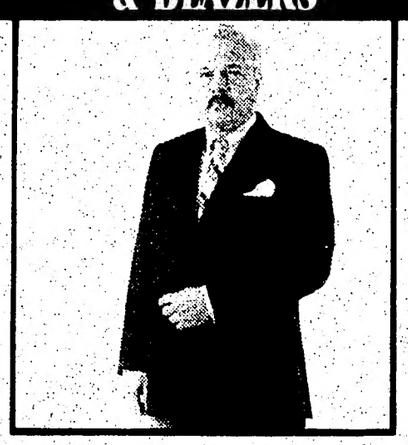

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Gallery Gatherings

Memorial display of Henry Moore's works at AGO

Compiled by
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Art Gallery of Ontario: *Viewpoints: Approaches to Contemporary Art* continues at the AGO until Nov. 22. *Henry Moore Remembered*, to Feb. 7, is a memorial display of various works by the sculptor from the gallery's permanent collection. *The Glory of the Page*, Medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts from Glasgow University Library, may be seen until Jan. 3. *Perspective 87*, through Dec. 11, introduces emerging Vancouver artist Stan Douglas, to Toronto. 317 Dundas St. W., 977-0414.

Bau-Xi Gallery: Tony Urquhart, to Dec. 5. 340 Dundas St. W., 977-0600.

Bonnie Kagan Gallery: Hans Herold's *Prairie Landscapes*, to Nov. 28. 80 Spadina Ave. Suite 304, 364-6181.

Del Bello Gallery: *International Exhibition of Miniature Art* from 55 countries, continues to Dec. 31. 363 Queen St. W., 593-0884.

Evelyn Aimis Fine Art: Drawings, paintings and sculptures by Ivan Eyre, to Dec. 3. 14 Hazelton Ave., 961-0878.

First Impressions Gallery: now in its new location, opens with A.R.T.O.R.O.N.T.O., a celebration of Toronto artists Marla Freedman, Tom Rasky and Yoko Yamaguchi, through Dec. 29. 3441 Yonge St., 487-2887.

Galerie Dresdnere: has launched Jennifer Dickson's new book of cibachrome photographs, *A Hospital for Wounded Angels*. An exhibition of photos from the book, plus watercolors, paintings and etchings on the same theme, continues to Nov. 28. 12 Hazelton Ave., 923-4662.

Gallery Moos: a 2-man show, oils on canvas by Tschang-Yeul Kim and drawings by Michael Stefura, to Nov. 25. Pastels and drawings by Walter Dachinski are on view Nov. 28-Dec. 16.

Harbourfront: In the Photography Gallery, York Quay Centre, black and white photographs by Janusz Lesniak, to Dec. 5. 235 Queen's Quay W., 973-4949.

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery: *Printshops of Canada, Printmaking South of Sixty*, Nov. 19 to Dec. 17, Hart House, University of Toronto, 978-8398.

Koffler Gallery: *Ceramic Explorations 1957-87*, by Robin Hopper, to Nov. 26. *Prints 1962-1984*, etchings by Newfoundland artist David Blackwood, Dec. 2-Jan. 27. 4588 Bathurst St., 636-2145.

Mariane Friedland Gallery Ltd:, Janet Kulyk's *Paintings from Provence*, until Nov. 25. Recent paintings by Janet Fish, oils and watercolors, Nov. 28-Dec. 31. 122 Scollard St., 961-4900.

The McMichael Canadian Collection: *Maria Chapdelaine: Illustrations by Gagnon and Suzor-Cote*, opened recently. This is work related to the book by Louis Hemon. *Raven's Work: Northwest Coast Indian Art*, until Sept. 1988. Islington Ave., Kleinburg, 893-1121.

Mira Goddard Gallery: oils on panels by Mary Pratt, to Dec. 2. Painted sculpture by Alexandra Haeseker, Dec. 5-23. 22 Hazelton Ave., 964-8197.

Quan/Schieder Gallery: Egg temperas and drawings, Tom Forrestall, (upper gallery), until Nov. 20. Shayne Dark, new acrylic structures (street gallery) and Gerry Sevier, new landscapes. Both Nov. 21 to Dec. 4. 112 Scollard St., 968-7822.

Robert McLaughlin Gallery: This Oshawa gallery announces that a selection from 39 works, including major pieces by Group of Seven artists, donated by Isabel McLaughlin, will be one of the opening exhibitions for the new building this fall. Civic Centre, Oshawa, (416) 576-3000.

ROM (Royal Ontario Museum): *The Power of the Press: Northern European Prints, 1490-1700*, opens Nov. 14. *Canadian Portrait Gallery*, oil paintings of early settlers and well known personages in Canadian history from 1750-1935, on view until December. 100 Queen's Park, 586-5549.

Sigmund Samuels Building: *Posted to Canada: The Watercolors of George Russell Dartnell, 1835-44*, a collection of 105 water color sketches of early Canada by the British army surgeon, plus other sketches done in England, India and Ceylon, during various postings. show continues until Feb. 28. Photos of the artist are also included. 14 Queen's Park Cres. W., 586-5524.

Yaneff Gallery: two Canadian artists, watercolorist E. Conyers Barker, painter Conrad Furey, to Dec. 3. Opening Dec. 8, paintings by Bain Ireland and Anthony Law. 119 Isabella St., 924-6677.

Ydessa Gallery: *Photo Works* by Astrid Klein, to Nov. 21. New works by Rodney Graham, including the *Freud Sculpture*. 334 Queen St. W., 593-1100.

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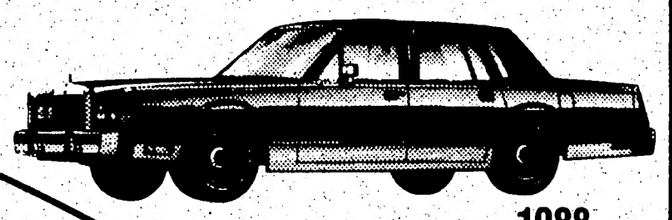

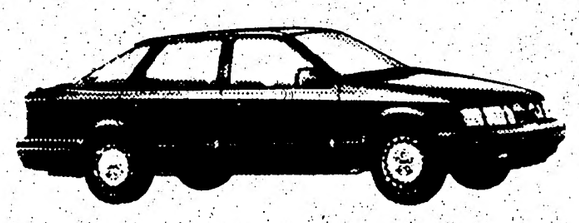

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Ballet based on Jewish playwright's drama

Schmaltzy score the only flaw in sensual La Ronde

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
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Or a wild and wicked waltz smacking of sin and sex and casual change-your-partner adultery.

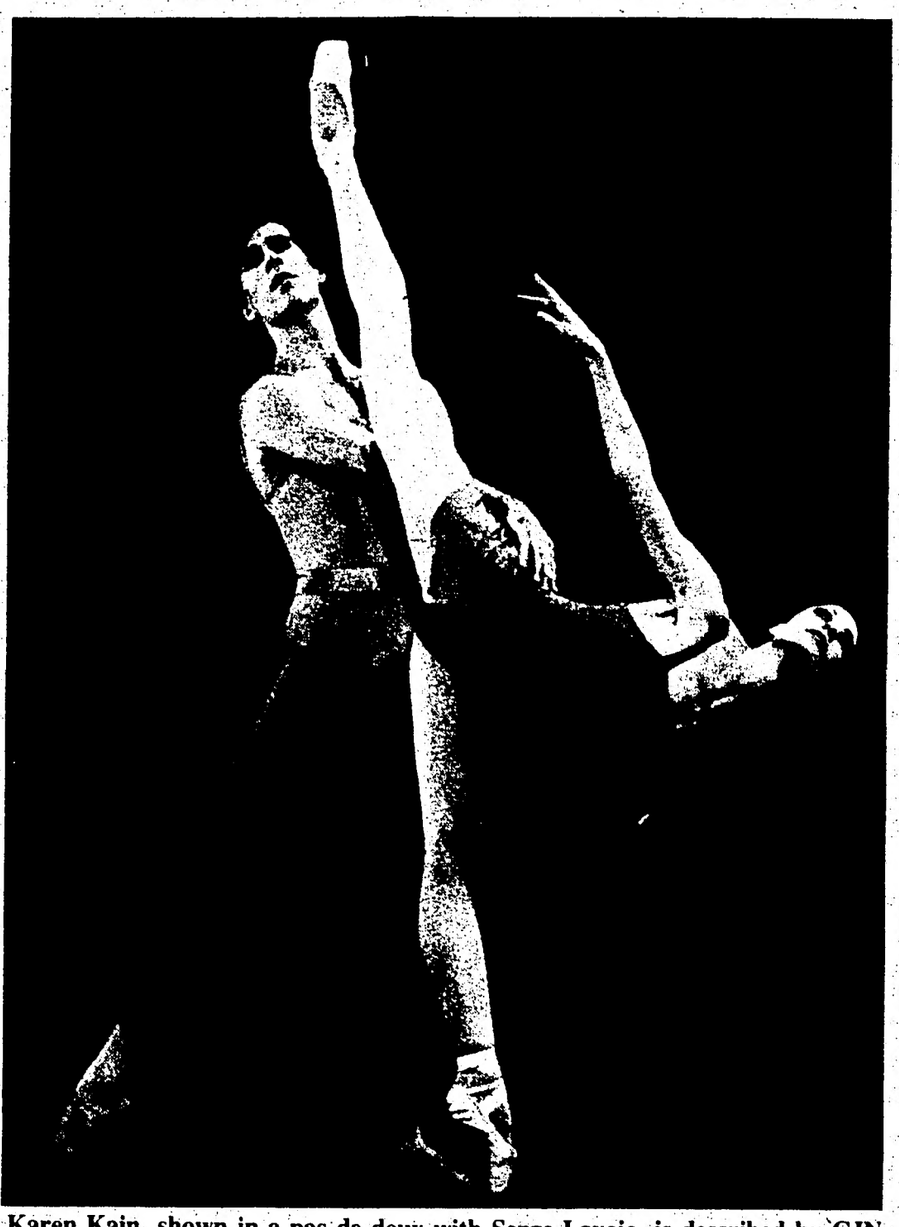
Or an erotic *danse macabre* that originally exposed the decadence of *fin-de-siecle* Vienna and threw the whole town into a tizzy.

All three descriptions are appropriate for *La Ronde*, the sensational new ballet by Glen Tetley, the 61-year-old resident artistic associate-choreographer of the National Ballet of Canada.

It's enjoying its world premiere — along with two other 1-act ballets, George Balanchine's *Concerto Barocco* and Sir Kenneth MacMillan's *Concerto* — all playing on one bill until Nov. 26 at the O'Keefe Centre.

What makes *La Ronde* interesting is that it's based on the most controversial drama ever written by the prolific Jewish playwright, Arthur Schnitzler (1862-1931).

Schnitzler was a medical doctor who, by the age of 18, had already written 23 full-length plays. His dispassionate dissection of the human psyche and the underlying hypocrisy of society won the admiration of another famed Viennese physician, Dr. Sigmund Freud.



Karen Kain, shown in a pas de deux with Serge Lavoie, is described by CJN critic Frank Rasky as the supreme star of the National Ballet's season opener at O'Keefe Centre.

"I have often asked myself in amazement," Freud praised his contemporary in a fan letter, "how you could possibly come by one or the other secret piece of knowledge which I have acquired only by painstaking investigation."

Schnitzler, a hypnotist in his medical practice and a notorious womanizer in private life, confessed in a personal self-analysis: "I often feel as if I were the most callous, cold individual, only moved by my desires."

He was able to detect a similar emptiness in the grasping, pleasure-clutching seducers and seducees in turn-of-the-century Austria. The infidelity ranged all the way up to Emperor Franz Joseph and his wife, the Empress Elizabeth, who each had secret lovers.

Schnitzler lifted the veil of deception in *La Ronde*. It depicted 10 jaded characters, from a parlor-maid to a count, switching lovers, until a full circle of sexual liaisons has been completed.

The play stirred an uproar when it was first staged in Berlin in 1920. There were riots in the theatre, a 6-day obscenity trial, and a ban that was not lifted until the following year. When it opened in Vienna in 1921, there was an even greater fuss, with pro-Nazi demonstrators denouncing it as "Jewish filth."

The so-called scandalous play has since inspired two movies: *La Ronde*, the acclaimed 1950 French film directed by Max Ophuls; and *Circle of Love*, Roger Vadim's inferior 1964 adaptation, starring his then wife Jane Fonda.

Tetley's ballet version is daring and utterly charming — except for the schmaltzy musical score. It's the *Sinfonietta, Opus 5*, by Schnitzler's Jewish Viennese contemporary, the late Erich Wolfgang Korngold; he fled from the Nazis to Hollywood, where he composed lush, sentimental musical background for such epics as *Anthony Adverse*.

There's nothing sentimentalized, though, in the 10 sensual pas de deux that Tetley has created for his circle of 10 dancers. Of them all, my favorite performer is the incomparable Karen Kain in the role of The Actress.

Not only is she a peerless ballerina, but she keeps developing as a superlative actress. She displays more exuberance than any other member of the cast in her passionate coupling with both Owen Montague as The Poet and Frank Augustine as The Count. When all passion is spent, she discards each lover disdainfully, as though they are emptied oyster shells.

She displays the same indefinable star quality in her marvellous pas de deux with Serge Lavoie in MacMillan's *Concerto*.

It's a magical quality that eludes explanation, and it's thrilling when you first spot it.

Rhonda Nychka, a young member of the ballet corps, seems to have a touch of that magic when making her debut in a principal role as The Prostitute in *La Ronde*. Nychka confirms Tetley's faith in her, and she is slinky and sultry yet graceful in the part.

Just as *La Ronde* is sure to be a permanent fixture in the National Ballet's repertoire, so it is quite possible that the talented young ballerina, given her first break, will follow in the footsteps of Karen Kain.

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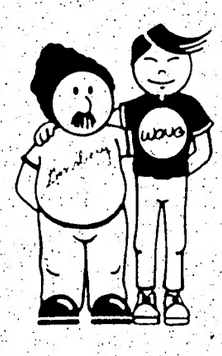

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Shlomo Carlebach to head Jewish music showcase

TORONTO —

The legendary Shlomo Carlebach will head the list of noted performers when the National Conference of Synagogue Youth presents a sampling of the finest in international and Canadian Jewish music at its 8th Annual Concert on Nov. 22 at Minkler Auditorium.

Carlebach, sometimes known as the Father of modern Jewish music, has delighted countless audiences worldwide as a performer and songwriter.

An aura of mysticism surrounds him as he displays his skills as a consummate storyteller, organizers say, adding that his numerous albums and recordings enjoy international acclaim. Among his most popular songs are Am Yisroel Chai, Od Yeshama, and Esa Ainai.

Another highlight of the concert will be a reunion of a group popular in the late 60s, The Noam Singers. The group's members gained fame as recording and concert artists while studying at Yeshiva University in New York. The evening's performance will be their first public concert since 1970.

The three original members who will perform are Izzy Meller, currently the Chazan of Beth Tikvah Synagogue of Montreal, Dr. Morton Frank, a school psychiatrist currently in private practice in New York, and Steven Schwartz, an actuary serving as president of the First Annuity Corp. of New York City.

The group will be joined by Akiva Meller, a talented 12-year-old drummer who has been performing since the age of 6. Akiva is a student of the Hebrew Academy of Montreal.

The popular new singing star from New York, Meyer Linden, will join the cadre of stars, to entertain the audience with his repertoire of Jewish folk songs. Linden's musical style, as demonstrated in his album, The Road Home, has been likened to that of the late singer-songwriter, Harry Chapin.

An added dimension to this year's concert will be a special showcase of Toronto's newest and most promising young musicians. Among those featured will be Shloimie Goldreich and composer Boruch Menzelefsky, who have both performed on the recent Toronto album entitled, Achvah. Toronto's own Nafsheinu Orchestra, under the leadership of conductor Richie Idels, will perform as well.

Donors, sponsors, and patrons of this gala concert will receive special invitations to a private cocktail party where they will meet the stars of the show. The highlight of the party will be a live recording session in Hebrew and Russian geared specifically to the Jews of the Soviet Union. Concert co-chairman Zale Newman says the session will be the first recording of its kind ever to take place in North America.

Donor, sponsor, and patron tickets are available at the NCSY office at 3600 Bathurst St. Tickets for the public at $10 and $15 are available at Negev, Pardes, Ma-Tov and Israel's Bookstores. Tickets for NCSY members are available at the office at a special cost of $5 per ticket.

For further information about the concert or NCSY activities, please contact Rabbi Nosson Westreich at 782-3117 or 782-5422.

Shlomo Carlebach

Karen Allen (left), Joanne Woodward and John Malkovich star in Tennessee Williams' The Glass Menagerie.

Gripping Menagerie marked by top-notch performances

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Tennessee Williams' first Broadway play, *The Glass Menagerie*, has been adapted for the screen by Paul Newman, and it is a triumph of filmmaking.

Premiered at the Festival of Festivals, and now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, Newman's adaptation of Williams' best and most poetic work is nothing if not absorbing.

Newman's wife, Joanne Woodward, plays the part of Amanda, the fiercely protective but vulnerable paragon of Southern womanhood. Woodward's performance is so good that it may win her an Academy Award.

Karen Allen, who depicts her daughter, the shy, withdrawn Laura, is equally effective.

John Malkovich, who plays Tom, her dreamy, resentful brother, acquits himself with grace and aplomb.

James Naughton, the "gentleman caller" who dashes the brittle romantic dreams of Amanda and Laura, performs his role with immense reserve.

Newman, who had long been interested in filming what essentially is a landmark event in American theatre, decided to go ahead with his project after watching his wife and Karen Allen perform *The Glass Menagerie* on stage in Williamstown last year.

"I thought it would be shameful not to have a permanent record of their performance in this great play," Newman has been quoted as saying.

Happily enough, Newman's aspirations have been fulfilled.

The Glass Menagerie unfolds in a shabby apartment in St. Louis during the Depression. Amanda sits at a table with her children, urging Tom to chew his food slowly and reminiscing about her wonderful childhood years in the Mississippi delta.

Amanda, having been abandoned by her carefree husband years ago, has pinned all her hopes and dreams on Tom and Laura. But she fears for their future.

Torn between his duty to be the family breadwinner and his desire to escape his stultifying existence as a warehouse shipper, Tom is caught in a twilight zone of personal frustration and resentment.

Laura, dowdy and slightly crippled, is afraid of becoming an old maid. But, given her reclusive lifestyle and her inability to deal with the real world, Laura is bound for spinsterhood.

The household is thrown into something of a tizzy after Tom promises to invite Jim, his dapper bachelor friend, for supper.

Brimming over with youthful excitement, Amanda goes on a shopping expedition in an effort to improve the appearance of their flat.

As it happens, Jim is taken with Laura, whom he barely knew in high school. But to Laura's disappointment, he can't commit himself to her.

It is a profoundly sorrowful situation for which there is no remedy.

The Glass Menagerie, **as directed by Newman, is an immensely sad film that rivets a viewer's attention. Williams' rich language rings with beauty at every turn, and Newman's direction is pure and precise.**

In short, this is a cinematic experience to savor and remember.

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Reflects Jews' tragic encounter with history

Layton reads from his new book

By
BELINDA SILBERMAN

TORONTO — Canadian poet Irving Layton says his new book *Fortunate Exile* reflects the Jews' tragic encounter with history.

"It is a unique book," Layton said recently at a poetry reading at Holy Blossom Temple.

"I'm not trying to make a sales pitch for it, but I don't know of any other Jewish poet who has compiled so large a collection of poems that refract the various aspects of the often times difficult relationship of the Jew with his neighbors, and of course, with history itself,"

More than 100 people attended the poetry reading in which the 75-year-old famed Jewish poet read from his new book and told anecdotes about his life.

The crowd was later treated to coffee and cookies as Layton signed copies of his new book and answered questions.

During the reading, Layton told the group the Jews' exile from their historic homeland has been "fortunate" as his book's title suggests because "it has allowed the Jew to fulfil the commandment to be a light to the Gentiles."

Layton told The CJN the commandment arises out of the Hebrew Bible where G-d made Jews the chosen people, bidding them to expose Gentiles to the Judaic ideas of peace, love and brotherhood.

Gentiles have not only been enlightened by the Jewish ideas of morality and religion, but also by the Jews' suffering, sacrifice and persecution, said Layton, in town for a week to promote his new book.

When six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust, the world was "quite indifferent," Layton said.

"Now you notice when you had the boat people, there was a huge outcry in Canada against the mistreatment of these poor wretched people seeking refuge."

Despite the tragedies of Jews throughout history, Layton said at his reading Jews have managed to make "tremendous contributions" to civilization including medicine, science and other disciplines, even helping foster Christianity, Islam, Marxism and Maoism.

"What a tremendously creative people," Layton said.

No child should be deprived of his magnificent Jewish heritage, he said.

Irving Layton

"We are a people that has been persecuted, but have never been persecutors. We have never done the things that were done to us.

"We don't have to apologize for pogroms, for inquisitions, for torture.

"I urge every Jew to remember this and to make sure their children and their grandchildren do not turn away from this."

Layton, who was brought by his family to Canada in 1913 from Romania when he was only a year old, was accompanied at the poetry reading by his young wife Anna Pottier.

Many of Layton's poems in *Fortunate Exile* — published by McClelland and Stewart of Toronto — were selected from previous collections, some of which have been long out of print.

"*Fortunate Exile* is the summary of the poet's long and arduous quest to discover the meaning of his own religion in a universe marked by turmoil as well as making a contemporary statement about man's relation to G-d," says the publisher's news release.

"*Fortunate Exile* contains many of the most powerful and provocative statements of Layton's illustrious and turbulent career.

"Although Layton focuses on the meaning of the Jew in history, the significance of these poems ultimately transcends ethnic, religious or national identification, and celebrates the endurance of the human spirit."

Layton, who lives in Montreal, has received numerous awards for his poetry including the Order of Canada in 1976.

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Arts

Sledgehammer taken to play on Spanish poet's life

By
FRANK RASKY

Shirley Douglas (right) and Viola Leger are outstanding in Lorca's The House of Bernarda Alba at St. Lawrence Centre.

TORONTO —

Federico Garcia Lorca, though little known in Canada, was undoubtedly Spain's greatest poet and playwright.

He specialized in tragedy, and his own life was terminated tragically.

In 1936, two months after he had completed his most gripping tragedy, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, the 38-year-old writer was rounded up by a squad of General Francisco Franco's fascists.

Without a trial, he was taken to a hillside overlooking the village where he was born near Granada in southern Spain and summarily shot at sunrise.

He thus joined the 4,000 liberals and intellectuals who were slaughtered during the Spanish Civil War, and was buried unidentified in a mass grave.

His plays were banned during Franco's 40-year regime, and as I discovered two months ago on a visit of homage to Granada, it's only recently that Spain has begun to revive his stark, impassioned tragedies.

It would therefore be pleasant to report favorably on the CentreStage production of Lorca's masterwork, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, running until Nov. 28 at the St. Lawrence Centre's Bluma Appel Theatre (366-7723).

Regrettably, it's not so. For some strange reason, Francois Barbeau, best known for the past two decades as a competent Quebec stage designer, was assigned to direct the play.

To put it bluntly, he botched it. Here, where subtlety and restraint are required, Barbeau is an exponent of the sledgehammer school of directing. Consequently, some of the most poignant scenes provoke embarrassed laughter rather than empathy from the audience.

The play deals with female sexual repression resulting from the rigid moral code of fanatical Catholicism in rural Spain.

It opens in the house of Bernarda Alba, a tyrannical and tradition-bound matriarch, who has just returned from the funeral of her second husband. She imperiously informs her five unmarried daughters that they must mourn his death for the next eight years, cloistered in her sterile, white-walled home like nuns.

Because she is the family heiress endowed with a rich dowry, the one exception to this taboo is the eldest daughter, a plain, 39-year-old spinster named Augustias (literally "Anguish" in Spanish). At an appointed hour, she is allowed to speak to her suitor, Pepe Romero, through the iron grille of her window. According to custom, there must be no physical contact between them — not a kiss, not an embrace — until the virgin is properly married.

Her frustrated sisters crave the handsome Romero, and the play simmers with their sexual yearning. It ends with the youngest and prettiest of the sisters, the rebellious, 20-year-old Adela, hanging herself in guilt after having an illicit tryst with Romero in the barn.

A martinet, concerned chiefly with what the neighbors will say, Bernarda commands her four wailing daughters at the final curtain: "Silence! No tears! The world will remember that the youngest daughter of Bernarda died a virgin."

Toronto actress Shirley Douglas, the daughter of the late NDP leader Tommy Douglas, is magnificent as the despotic Bernarda; she rules the household brandishing a cane as though it were a royal sceptre.

Viola Leger is also outstanding as her cynical housekeeper, La Poncia; she is sardonically aware that what the local menfolk most care about is "land, oxen and an obedient bitch to cook for them."

Unfortunately, due to Barbeau's ham-handed direction, we get no sense of the delicately nuanced relationship between the sisters. For that matter, none emerges as fully realized characters.

Nevertheless, for all its deficiencies, it's a tragic masterpiece worth seeing, because of the poetry of the language and the bravura performances of Douglas and Leger.

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Film society releases schedule

TORONTO —

The Jewish Film Society of Toronto has released its calendar of events for the coming months, the society's program coordinator, Nomi Winkler, has announced.

Five films will be screened, beginning Nov. 22 with the Yiddish movie *Yidi Mitn Fidl* (Yidl With A Fiddle), a 1936 classic with English subtitles. The film captures an authentic slice of Polish shtetl life by portraying a female fiddler (Yidl) who disguises herself as a boy in order to join a group of klezmer musicians and then falls in love with one of the troupe members. Shot in Poland, the film stars Molly Picon.

On Jan. 10, 1988, *A. M. Klein: The Poet as Landscape*, a 1978 film by David Kaufman that explores the work of the great Canadian Jewish poet, will be shown. The film employs interviews with Klein, selections of his writings and historical stills to complete the profile. After the screening, Toronto poet Miriam Waddington will speak.

Hide and Seek, a 1980 Israeli film that looks at adolescents during the crisis of self-discovery, will be shown Feb. 21. Set in the years before Israel came into being, the film deals with youth — the backbone of the state-to-be — who struggle with their rebellion and non-conformity in a society where only conformity is acceptable.

On March 20, the society will present the 1976 Belgium-U.S. co-production of *High Street*, an unusual drama that focuses on a woman driven mad by the events of World War II. An American artist becomes obsessed with her past, in which the woman's Jewish husband and young son were killed. The film won the 1976 Grand Prix at the New Orleans Film Festival and earned rave reviews in The New York Times.

The society's program winds up on May 15 with the screening of *Siege*, a 1970 Israeli effort that looks at a woman who lost her husband in the Six Day War and her attempts at breaking away from the role of the ever-mourning widow.

The Jewish Film Society of Toronto, explains Winkler, screens 16 mm Yiddish, Hebrew and North American works that are not released to the mass market. The society has been in existence since 1984. There are currently 80 members, who pay an annual fee of $25, which entitles them to one guest pass for the screenings.

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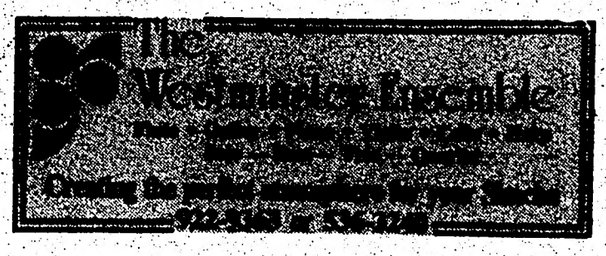

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books

By BERNARD BASKIN

Until relatively recently a majority of Canada's Jews lived in Montreal. Throughout the 19th century and most of the 20th this unique city was the country's unchallenged commercial and cultural centre. It offered manifold opportunities to Jews who brought essential professional and business skills to a burgeoning economy.

Yet, despite their long history in the province and their unquestioned contribution, most Jews did not feel truly secure or completely at home. Through the years there had been frequent and widespread acts of anti-semitism. Prominent French politicians fought the notion of increased Jewish immigration. The Catholic Church always expressed ambivalence about an alien element in the French cultural pattern. A fascist leader who had spearheaded a drive against a Jewish department store in the 1930s became chief of police in Rouyn, Que.

In 1934, when a Jewish intern was appointed at Notre Dame Hospital, the French Canadian interns in the city went on strike in outraged protest.

It is no wonder that many members of the Montreal Jewish community preferred to keep a low profile, to render themselves as inconspicuous as possible. As early as 1897, a correspondent from an American Jewish publication reported that Montreal Jews were careful to do nothing, "to make themselves loom large in the eyes of the rest of the population." He found the Montrealers more isolated and culturally unproductive for their numbers and intrinsic importance than any Jewish community he had ever visited.

In the face of unremitting antagonism from elements in the French religious and political establishments, Jews, understandably, had doubts about their rooted position in Quebec. As many as 80% of Montreal Jews, including francophones, indicated that they would probably leave the province, should it become independent of Canada. A joke in the 1970s illustrated the pervasive pessimism. Question: "How does a smart Jew from Quebec talk to a stupid Jew from Quebec? Answer: "By long distance."

In Anglo-Canada Jews were received more warmly, but only to a degree. Prior to World War II there were numerous disabilities encountered and many barriers to be overcome in order to achieve full and equal citizenship. Goldwin Smith, professor at the University of Toronto and a major spokesman for Canadian culture, was said to be a rabid anti-semite. "He greatly admired modern Christianity's medieval ancestors who had learned the duty of persecution."

In 1912, Queen's University applied to the federal parliament for a charter as a "national university" despite its policy that Christianity was required of all trustees and all other officials of the university. After a protracted struggle a compromise was reached with the Christian provision standing in the charter but the word "national" stricken out.

It was not until 1969 that "Herb Gray became the first Jew appointed to the federal cabinet; three years later David Barrett of British Columbia became the first Jew to be elected a provincial premier. Since that time Jews have occupied the posts of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, federal minister of defence, ambassador to Washington and to the United Nations, leader of the opposition in Ontario, the country's most populous province, and leader of the national New Democratic Party." How things have changed!

Michael Brown, professor at York University, has written an engrossing account of how Jews have accommodated themselves in Canada despite a variety of problems, many of them complex and unexpected. Splendidly researched, the book pulls together the varied threads of British roots, the American connection and the French and Roman Catholic relationships into a many-hued tapestry.

This book should be of interest to every Canadian Jew. It makes clear the long struggle for accommodation which permits him to enjoy his cherished place in the Canadian way of life.

Hope and Glory shows war through eyes of children

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

For many Britons, the London Blitz is practically the sum total of World War II.

Never mind the fall of France, the Dunkirk fiasco, the capitulation of the Low Countries or the unending terrors of the Russian campaign.

Minor though it may have been compared to the aforementioned catastrophes, the Blitz, burnished by legend, is still regarded by that generation of Britons as one of the great events of the war.

Film director John Boorman lived through it as a child, and the memories he retains of it are incorporated in *Hope and Glory*.

As might be expected, *Hope and Glory*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a rather different war picture. There is a conspicuous absence of blood and gore, violence, silly histrionics or inflated heroes, which is a relief.

In this film, the war, as seen through the eyes of 7-year-old Bill Rohan (Sebastian Rice Edwards), is a time of playfulness, adventure and exhilaration.

The bombed ruins of London streets are an ideal playground for boys whose imagination grows ever sharper with each war documentary they watch in a darkened theatre.

And, of course, boys like Bill and his rather aggressive friends never quite get over the sheer wonder of the occasional dog fight, the unbelievable sight of a Luftwaffe pilot parachuting into a residential district, the delightful discovery of shrapnel after an enemy air raid, or the exciting rush into shelters at the sound of a siren.

For Bill and his friends, the war, deadly as it is, is something of a game, even after his father, Clive (David Hayman), enlists in the army and his mother, Grace (Sarah Miles), is left to take care of Bill and his two sisters, Dawn (Sammi Davis) and Sue (Geraldine Muir.)

To his credit, Boorman evokes the temper of those times with an expert hand. Regrettably, however, he leaves a viewer somewhat detached from the proceedings. The emotional distance he's created between us and his characters poses problems because we're really hard-pressed to identify with their trials and tribulations.

We can sympathize with them but we can rarely empathize with them.

That, in short, is the serious flaw that almost brings down an otherwise competent film.

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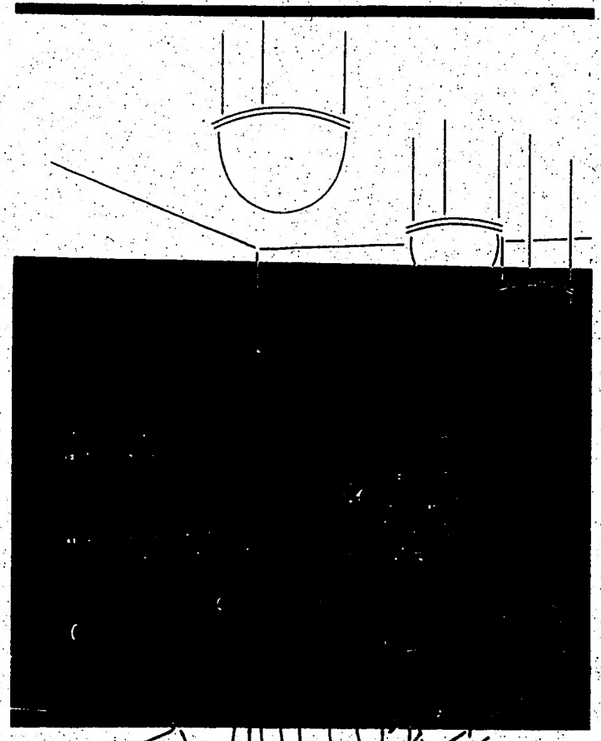

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Arts

Director Macdonald falls short of his high standards

HMS Pinafore's sailing encounters rough waters

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Things are seldom what they seem,
Skim milk masquerades as cream.
— From Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore.*

What do you do for an encore, without repeating yourself?

That question seems to have bedevilled G & S meister Brian Macdonald ever since his hit Stratford production of *The Mikado* scaled the heights of glory last season, when it was nominated for two Tony Awards on Broadway.

He obviously was intent on topping that success with *HMS Pinafore*, which sailed last week into the Royal Alexandra Theatre, where it will remain berthed until Dec. 12.

I found it an agreeably beguiling show, full of the larkish bits of stage business and daffy gimmicks we have come to expect from the inventive Macdonald. It's a bag of tricks that's bound to entertain you.

But, alas, it somehow lacks the magic that made *The Mikado* such a dazzling work of near-perfection.

Perhaps the operetta itself is partly to blame. More than 100 years old now, this comic spoof of the British Navy is inferior to *The Mikado.*

Sullivan's tunes have a repetitive rum-tum-tum beat. With two exceptions, Gilbert's satirical lyrics lack bite.

And the gossamer G & S plot is even fluffier and more absurd than usual. It centres on Josephine, the ship captain's snobbish daughter, whose affections are torn between Ralph Rackstraw, the humble yet handsome jack tar, and Sir Joseph Porter, the prestigious yet asinine old First Lord of the Admiralty.

It ends, of course, with the trite Gilbertian mixup-of-babies plot twist. Little Buttercup, the onetime gypsy "baby farmer" turned Portsmouth bumboat peddler, reveals that Josephine's father and Rackstraw were mistakenly switched in their infancy.

Partly to blame, too, perhaps are our expectations from Macdonald. He has set such high standards for himself that we demand the impossible from the masterly choreographer-director.

But the truth is that some of his tricks don't work or seem archly coy and labored this time around. He introduces, for example, an irrelevant storm at sea with flickering lights, just so he can choreograph a silent-movie effect. The same device was used — but with more wit — in his Stratford production of *The Pirates of Penzance.*

As in *The Mikado*, he injects topical references in a patter song to the Canadian Senate and Prime Minister, Brian Mulroney. But this time the wisecracks fall flat.

Most disappointing is the static quality of the dancing. Macdonald's choreography in the past has been noted for its breakneck energy and slapstick horseplay of dancers skittering and zipping across the stage. But here, with the exception of a sailor's hornpipe, the dancing is minimal and muted.

On a positive note, though, it must be said that his cast of 30 performers are marvellous singers and the lead roles played by expert farceurs.

Arlene Meadows, a veteran Canadian Opera Company character performer who was so wonderful as Katisha in *The Mikado*, is likewise wonderful here as the "round and rosy" Little Buttercup. She kids the pants off the stuffy posing of opera divas and her rendition of the sweet *Nightingale Song* is meltingly lovely.

Meg Bussert, who made a name for herself as the leading lady in Michael Kid's Broadway version of *The Music Man*, vocalizes beautifully as Josephine and is a deft comedienne besides. Every time she makes an entrance in her prissy role, she melodramatically flings a long-stemmed rose into the audience.

Easily the show's chief scene-stealer is Ron Moody in the role of Sir Joseph Porter. The bald, rubber-faced British comic won his reputation as Fagin in both the stage and film versions of *Oliver!*

Here he makes his hilarious entrance flying onstage aboard a screwball hot-air balloon; it's painted with the colors of the Union Jack and it's equipped with a pair of paddles as well as artifical wings.

Waggling his white-plumed admiral's hat like a baton, he mugs outrageously — and amusingly — as he sings the cynical ballad about his climb to the top as a former office boy:

I cleaned the windows and
I swept the floor,
And I polished up the handle of the big front door.
I polished up that handle so carefullee
That now I am the Ruler of the Queen's Navee!

His lampoon ends, as all G & S buffs know, with this advice:

Stick close to your desks and never go to sea,
And you all may be Rulers of the Queen's Navee!

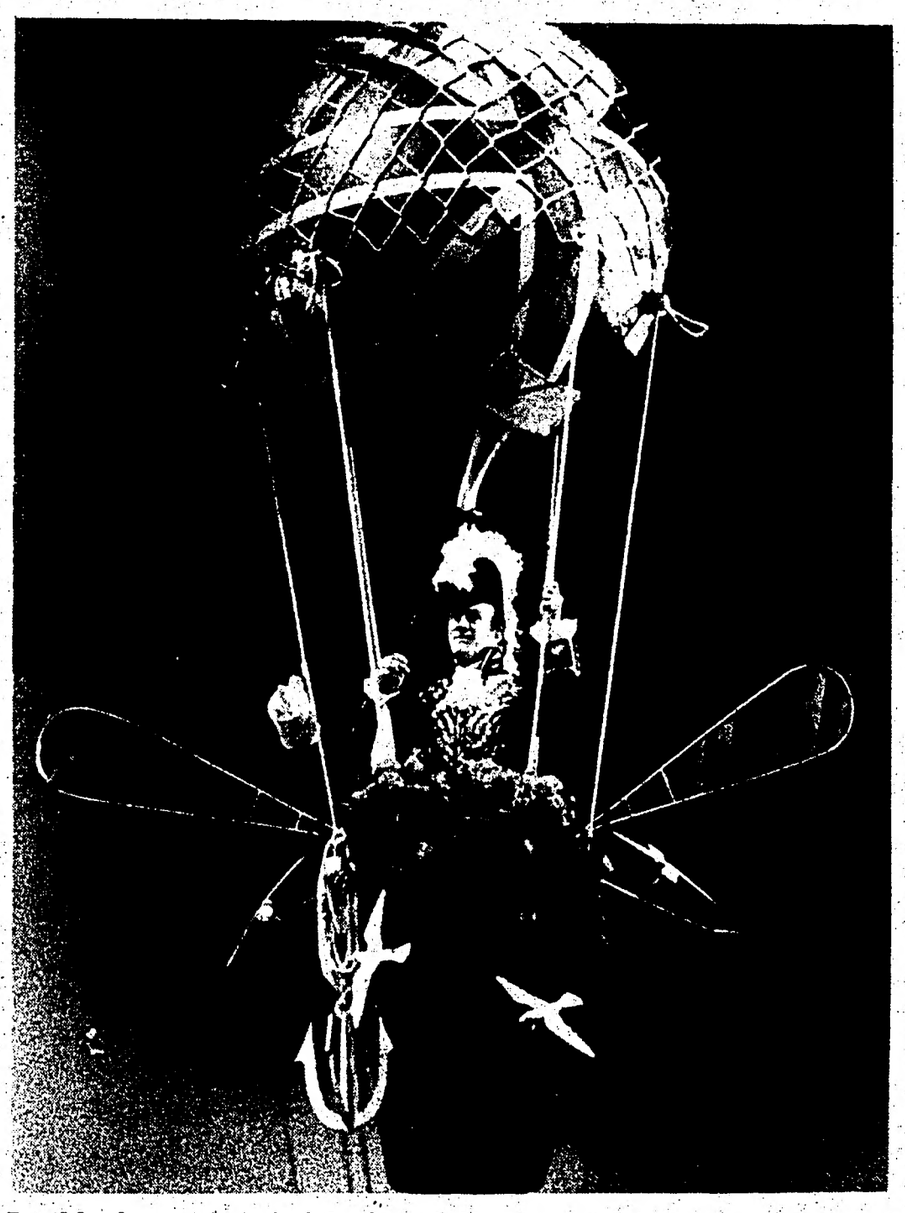
This satirical song, as well as the self-mocking ballad, *He Is An Englishman*, are the components which have made *HMS Pinafore* so durable for over a century.

Macdonald has done his best to ginger up the old warhorse with his gimmickry. His legerdemain works sporadically. Nevertheless, he makes the evening pass as jolly good fun.

So how would I rate this erratic voyage of *HMS Pinafore?* I subscribe in part to its rollicking song:

Then give three cheers, and more
For the hardy Captain of the Pinafore.

It deserves two cheers.



Ron Moody, as Admiral of the Queen's Navee in a gimmicky hot-air balloon, is the chief scene-stealer in HMS Pinafore.

Benefit scheduled to aid Africans

By
BRUCE PARKINSON

TORONTO —

Classical pianist Anna Larissa, a Soviet-born Jew now living in Canada and garnering international recognition for her talents, will play a benefit concert Nov. 22 at 7 p.m in the Rosedale United Church.

Proceeds from the concert will go to Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR), a 4-year-old organization dedicated to providing medical aid and development programs for the people of Africa.

In 1985, 250,000 Ethiopians starved to death. Two years later, as media attention has focused elsewhere, and the public has grown desensitized to horrendous scenes of mass starvation, famine has returned.

According to Shirley Franklin, national director of CPAR, "It came as a big shock. Ethiopia is still reeling from the last one but a combination of locust infestation and lack of rain has brought about another critical situation."

CPAR was formed in 1983 as members of the Canadian medical community began to learn of the magnitude of the situation in Africa.

Instead of just providing emergency aid, CPAR's goal is to help make Africans self-sufficient and better able to withstand future crises, said Franklin.

The organization is currently overseeing two projects and planning a third. As well as medical aid CPAR assists in health training, sanitation and agriculture.

There are currently five Canadian nurses running CPAR's projects in Ethiopia, with the assistance of several local employees.

Hiring and training local people is an important part of CPAR's work, says Henry Gold, overseas director.

"There are many good young people there who need experience, who need a challenge," Gold said.

Predictably, one of CPAR's greatest challenges is raising funds. "It's a constant struggle," Gold said.

Gold calls Larissa "an exciting pianist, on the brink of making it very big.

"Forgetting about the cause for a moment," Gold said, "it's going to be a great concert."

Tickets for the benefit recital are $12, with a special price of $5 for seniors and students. Phone 961-6786 for more information.

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Washington a worthy stopover for travellers heading south

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WASHINGTON —

For Canadians heading for warmer climates by car this season the United States capital can be a pleasant stopover. Not only is there much to see but also there are many festivals throughout the year. And if your stay in Washington is on a weekend you may even benefit from the many package rates available at hotels.

During December downtown Washington comes alive with evening free outdoor musical concerts and choral singing. There is a Festival of Music and Light in suburban Kensington, Md., every evening. If you are looking for antiques, the annual Winter Antique Fair is Dec. 4 to 6 with more than 185 dealers from North America and Europe.

The United States Army Band has a holiday show Dec. 12 and 13 at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall. There will be New Year's Eve celebrations at the Old Post Office on Dec. 31 with live entertainment.

A poinsettia show is slated for the Botanical Gardens from Dec. 19 to Jan. 24. For those of Scottish ancestry there is an annual Scottish Heritage Walk in Alexandria, Va., on Dec. 5.

At the National Sculpture Garden rink there will be ice skating all winter. Other rinks in downtown Washington will also be open for skating. On Jan. 18 candlelight tours of the Robert E. Lee boyhood home in Old Town, Alexandria, will mark the Civil War general's birthday. On the same date Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday will be celebrated throughout the city with speeches, dances, choral performances and other events in remembrance of the civil rights leader.

Opera abounds

The Washington Opera at the Kennedy Center is presenting eight operas this season in the 2,200 seat Opera House and the 1,100 seat Eisenhower Theatre. Performances in foreign languages will have a poetic English translation projected above the stage.

During November the operas are Romeo and Juliet and Madame Butterfly. From mid-December to mid-January Mascagni's rarely performed opera L'Arnico Fritz will be played, as well as Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore. In January Rossini's comic opera L'Italiana in Algeri will be staged, while Menotti's The Consul is to be performed from Jan. 23 to Feb. 7.

Beethoven's Fidelio is on from Feb. 20 to March 6, with Massenet's Cendrillon staged from Feb. 27 to March 13.

Canadians coming to Washington have an additional interest this season. At 501 Pennsylvania Ave. the new Canadian embassy is being built, for opening next August. The building will not only have its official functions, but will house an art gallery, open to the public, featuring work of Canadian artists.

For those passing through Washington later in the season as they head back to Canada, there will be the annual National Cherry Blossom Festival the first week of April, when more than half a million visitors come to Washington to see the pink and white blossoms of more than 6,000 Japanese cherry trees. There will be parades, a brass band concert, tennis games, a paddle boat regatta and other events.

On March 20, 19 organists will play at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church during the entire afternoon in memory of Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday. Later in March the annual Smithsonian Kite Festival will see kites flying at the Washington Monument grounds for prizes and trophies.

These are but some of the events which are planned for early winter and spring in the U.S. capital. There is so much to see in that city, that you will want to stay more than a day or two.

This travel reporter, from many visits to the city, can definitely recommend that you visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the vast complex of the Smithsonian Institute, the National Gallery of Art, Hirschhorn Museum and Gardens, National Zoo in Rock Creek Park, take a tour of the White House and visit the Lillian and Albert Small Jewish Museum at 3rd and G Streets where it is housed in the city's oldest synagogue, Adas Israel built in 1876.

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Travel

Thinking of a Jamaican getaway? No problem, mon

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The north coast, from Montego Bay to Port Antonio, Jamaica's riviera, is effectively one long beach. But sunbathing is not the only diversion in Jamaica.

You can visit spectacular waterfalls, "great houses" on plantations that summon up the rich fabric of Jamaican history, ethereal botanical gardens, bustling crafts markets in Ocho Rios, Montego Bay and Port Antonio, and, high in the hills above Port Maria, the beautifully-situated villa of the late British playwright, Noel Coward.

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica —

It's *that* time of the year again.

Freezing cold weather is on its way and, naturally, thoughts turn to warm, sunny climes.

For Canadians, the Caribbean comes to mind when the winter season is nearly upon them.

Jamaica, some 300 miles south of Florida, is well worth considering if you're thinking of taking a restful holiday in the sun.

The former British crown colony, which can be reached in a matter of hours via Air Jamaica, has what it takes to satisfy a discriminating traveller.

It is safe and stable. The unrest that rocked Jamaica in the 1970s is but a distant memory. As the Jamaicans would say, no problem, mon.

Jamaicans are friendly, amiable and polite. After one week, I can honestly say I never met a Jamaican I disliked.

Despite its status as a Third World country, it is clean. You can drink the water without fear, and Jamaican culinary specialties such as ackee and salt cod, jerk chicken, vegetable patties and pepperpot soup won't play havoc with your stomach.

This island in the sun is lush and beautiful and, in most respects, unspoiled.

Rafting ride different

For something totally different, you can try a 2½ hour rafting ride down the Rio Grande, Jamaica's longest river. Nowhere else in the Caribbean is this available.

The Blue Mountains, where Jamaica's famous coffee is grown, are certainly worth visiting. I caught a glimpse of their majestic beauty as I was driven from Port Antonio to Kingston to catch my flight home.

A few words about the weather. Rainy days are common in October and May, but from November to April, you can bask under warm, sunny skies, with temperatures climbing into the 80s during the day, and falling into the 70s at night.

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There are some 700 villas from Negril to Port Antonio that can be rented on a weekly basis from $700 (U.S.) and up. They're ideal if your're planning a real family vacation.

Villas, which are classified from A to C, come with a full complement of staff — cook, maid and gardener — and all have pools and/or beach fronts. Occupancy is based on 2 persons per room. Food is extra.

I tasted the villa experience in Ochos Rios, for two nights at the Coral Cay Villas, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. My 2nd-storey room, with a large bed, ceiling fan and separate bathroom, looked over an immaculately tended lawn. From the balcony, I could see swaying palm trees, a pool and, beyond that, the azure calm of the Caribbean.

Nirvana.

I ate three meals there, and they were wholesome and delicious, made of fresh ingredients bought in a local market just hours earlier.

Resort packages available

Information on villas can be obtained from the Jamaica Tourist Board in Toronto (416-482-7850), or from Sunshine Jamaica Ltd., PO Box 335, Ocho Rios, St. Ann, Jamaica. Tel. (809) 974-5025.

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•Couples, Ocho Rios. Located on 10 acres of gardens, with 800 feet of white sand beach. Continuous entertainment, but a guest is free to do as she or he pleases.

The resort can accommodate 152 adult couples, in ocean view and mountain view patio rooms, or in villas. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet style, while dinner offers a full silver service 5-course meal.

•Jamaica, Jamaica, Runaway Bay. Created for adults who want to experience Jamaican customs and music. Local produce is incorporated extensively to achieve the flavor and taste of island cookery. All bedrooms have private balconies that overlook gardens.

If you tire of swimming, you can take instruction in such activities as straw weaving, wood carving or dancing.

•Jack Tar Village, Runaway Bay. Fifty-two guest rooms, all of which have either patios or verandahs. With its secluded nooks and crannies, it is eminently suited for honeymooners.

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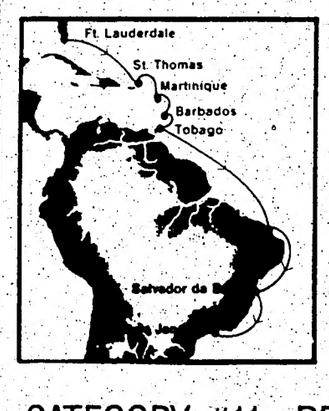

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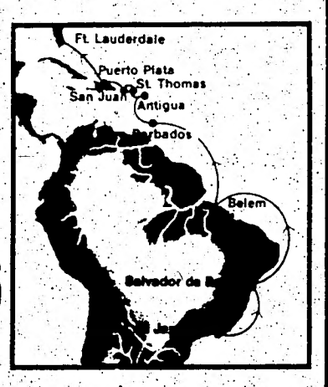

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Quebec, Vermont ready for snow season

There's a winter wonderland waiting

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MONTREAL —

New cross-country trails, more ski lifts and snow-making equipment as well as hotel accommodations have been added for this winter's skiing in Quebec province as well as in neary Vermont. Skiing normally starts in this region late in November, and is well under way by December.

In the state of Vermont some $40 million has been spent on visible and behind-the-scenes improvements in the year, the state's travel administration reports. For example, three new ski trails and snow-making equipment have been added in the Bolton Valley area. In the Haystack Mountain region new slopeside lodging will be available this season along with new triple chairlift capacity and nine additional trails.

At Jay Peak 32 new 2-bedroom slopeside condominiums have been built as well as a new 4,500-foot (1,372-metre) high-speed quad chairlift. At Smugglers' Notch a new sauna and spa area has been completed. Stowe has a 30% increase in snow-making capacity and two of the latest trail grooming vehicles have been purchased.

These are but a few of the improvements in Vermont.

In the Mont Sainte Anne ski area near Quebec City there are five new trails, a new high-speed quad chairlift on the north slope and new south slope ski runs. There is also a new 550-seat cafeteria and 150-seat restaurant. At Stoneham, north of Quebec City, a third mountain ski area has been opened this season with a vertical drop of 1,478-feet (420-metres) and three new ski runs. Stoneham now has one of the largest networks of trails on the continent.

The many ski resorts north of Montreal in the Laurentian area have added snowmaking equipment, extended or built new ski trails, and in some cases renovated accommodations. This is an area noted for its gastronomic excellence, as this travel reporter knows from experience.

Throughout Quebec province skiing is a major winter attraction, whether within easy driving of Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City or Sherbrooke on the south shore of the St. Lawrence River. Even in most eastern regions in the Gaspe area, there is now skiing and helicopter skiing for the adventurous and advanced skiers who want to try low mountain slopes where few chairlifts are available.

For those interested in ski races there will be several international events, including the Silver Series at Mont Sainte Anne on Dec. 6, Jan. 10, Feb. 6 and 28, March 12 and 26, and April 10. The same location will have hundreds of marathon cross-country skiers on March 5 and 12.

In Vermont major ski events include National Collegiate Athletic Association Skiing Championships at Middlebury College Snow Bowl March 9 to 12 and the U.S. National Freestyle Championships at Stratton Mountain March 24 to 27.

You can combine the ski holiday with the famous Quebec City Winter Carnival if you manage to visit the historic city Feb. 4 to 14. Then you can enjoy the revelry of Le Carnaval, be welcomed by Bonhomme Carnaval himself, a 7-foot (2-metre) tall snowsuited figure with red toque and sash, watch parades, enjoy costumed balls at major hotels, venture on the iced toboggan slides on Dufferin Terrace, and share the excitement of watching the canoe race through the fast-flowing ice-covered river from Quebec City to Levis and return.

Dress warmly if you are going to be outside in Quebec City for Le Carnaval — it can be cold on the wind-swept shore of the St. Lawrence River.

Travel firm expands Egyptian operation

TEL AVIV —

Nizza Tours, a subsidiary of Nitz-ba, the investment group of the Egged Bus Cooperative, is expanding its Egyptian operations and is moving to additional offices in the centre of Tel Aviv for the purpose of developing this part of its operations, Israel Travel News reports.

Nizza's Egypt division, headed by Yochanan Mandil, is concentrating on packages based on deluxe and first class Egyptian hotels.

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Everything from antique shows to restored hotels

Present-day Miami Beach pays tribute to its past

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

MIAMI —

The 1930s come alive in this popular vacation centre the middle of January, when people walk about in costumes of the time, there are antique outdoor automobile shows, and the restored hotels of the period on the Miami Beach waterfront are open for nostalgia buffs.

As you walk along Ocean Drive, with the wide extended sand beach on the Atlantic Ocean side and the hotels built in the early 1930s period on your other side from about 10th to 14th St., you will pass by such, now considered small, hotels as the Congress, The Waves, Amsterdam Palace, The Victor, Tides, Carlyle, Cardozo and Cavalier.

Along Collins Ave., one block inland, are the Essex House, Tudor, Palmer House, Kent, Senator and Webster hotels. Along Ocean Drive during the weekend there are booths selling clothes, costume jewelry and other mementos of the 1930s, while jazz bands play from a number of stands and there are food booths along the way. At some hotels you can even go in for a meal. The hotels are in business.

There is more than the past in Miami Beach. The present is full of action, with revitalized hotels and restaurants of the period immediately after World War II. You can dine at the famous Wolfie's which has been at 21st St. and Collins Ave. since 1947 or visit a range of hotels built in the early 1950s such as the Eden Roc and Fontainebleau which was built in 1954 on the site of the Harvey Firestone mansion and today has well over 1,200 rooms and a health spa.

The present Miami Beach has plenty of attractions. There are, for example, over 30 golf courses in the Greater Miami area, many open to the public, a dozen or more in Miami Beach.

With the popularity of tennis, hotels, clubs and community parks have daylight and lighted tennis courts.

For fishing enthusiasts the variety is from drift fishing, while many charter boat outfits are available for one or more days of big fishing in the Atlantic. You can rent just about anything that floats on the water from small motor boats to yachts.

If you are into snorkeling, take advantage of free guided snorkeling trips offered by park naturalists to the extensive coral reefs of Biscayne National Park.

Thoroughbred horse racing is at Tropical Park till early January, continues at Gulfstream Park from January to early March, and at Hialeah Park from early March till early May. Greyhound racing is at the Hollywood Dog Track practically all winter.

The Bass Museum at 2100 Collins Ave. has an extensive collection of paintings by the old masters, as well as tapestries and sculptures. The museum is closed on Mondays.

Dating back to the days when only the wealthy came to Florida for the winter is Vizcaya, the home of farm implement tycoon James Deering, which was started in 1914. It is an Italian-type villa with ornamental gardens, statues and a stone barge on the waterfront. Now a museum open to the public, its rooms have been restored to their original elegance with old world art works and furniture. There is a sound and light performance in the evenings.

Just off Key Biscayne near Miami Beach is Cape Florida State Park with an historic lighthouse. There are no commercial attractions there. It is an area of fine beaches on Biscayne Bay for picnics, swimming or a visit to the history of Cape Florida where pirates once roamed.

Na'amat's Israeli excursion coincides with Jerusalem Day

TORONTO —

Na'amat Canada's annual spring tour May 11-25 is especially timed to coincide with Yom Yerushalayim celebrations during the Jewish state's exciting 40th anniversary year.

Organizers say the tour, led by national Israel tour chairman Ruth Leroy of Toronto, will include Yom Yerushalayim in Jerusalem, a cruise on the Kinneret, Masada by cable car, a visit to the Knesset and a private meeting with MKs.

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Business Outlook

Israel food industry seeks markets

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
The Israeli food export industry is facing tough competition from Greece and Spain in the Common Market and from Bulgaria and Yugoslavia in Eastern Europe, so the market in North America is more important than ever.

This was the message brought by Kollie Friedstein, general manager of Jaf-Ora, to a breakfast meeting of Toronto food brokers and importers in the Park Plaza hotel held to publicize the triennial Israel Food Week, Feb. 8-11, 1988, to be held for the first time in the Convention Centre in Tel Aviv.

The food industry, through research and development and the ability to grow more produce on less land, has continued to expand, despite fierce competition, Udi Sheintal, Israel Trade Commissioner, said.

Canadian food executives who come to the fair and want a private label for a product they like will be taken in two hours to the factory where the product is made, Friedstein said. After seeing the production facilities, the chemists and the workers, a deal can be worked out right on the spot.

The Israel food industry will be displaying new products at the Food Fair which three years ago attracted more than 800 buyers. The only way the industry can survive is to introduce new technology, Friedstein said, and to do this Israel must gain a larger share of the market in North America.

Israel is the only country in the Middle East which has tripled its food exports to five continents over the last decade, thereby bringing its 1985 food export figure to $1 billion.

Friedstein, chairman of the Food Week organizing committee, said 15% of Israel's population is dependent on agriculture. The industry has not paid enough attention to marketing methods in Canada and the U.S., he maintained.

There is every prospect of increased profits for Canadian buyers of the products which Israel research has made possible, Friedstein said. Israel food products have gone as far as they can go in penetrating the Common Market, he added.

Among new Israeli products are SWEETY, slightly larger than the common grapefruit, that needs no sugar added — it has a green peel and is extremely juicy. SUNTINA, a member of the Jafferine easy peeler family, has a deep orange peel and is sweet and practically pitless. RED LETTUCE, aside from its difference in color, has a delicate taste. CAPE GOOSEBERRY, a vegetable indigenous to Peru's Andes Mountains, is now being grown in Israel, similar in appearance to a small cherry tomato, but much smaller. COURGETTE FLOWERS is a unique strain of squash which still has its blooms intact when picked, and is three cm. in length.

More and more Israeli manufacturers are now using natural based ingredients as opposed to food additives, whose high sodium content has proven to have adverse health effects. In order to substitute salt with some piquant alternatives, Israelis are now using a host of herbs and spices as well as potassium chloride. In addition, they are putting a greater emphasis on the use of oleoresins derived from herbs such as sage, oregano, basil, dill and paprika.

Clark and Yonge high-rises approved

VAUGHAN, Ont. —
The Ontario Municipal Board has approved four high-rise towers for the southwest corner of Clark and Yonge streets which were previously rejected by Vaughan council, Thornhill Month reports.

The previous designation on the property had been for medium density development, but the town staff had looked favorably on high-rise development since the developers of the property had first applied for a change in 1982.

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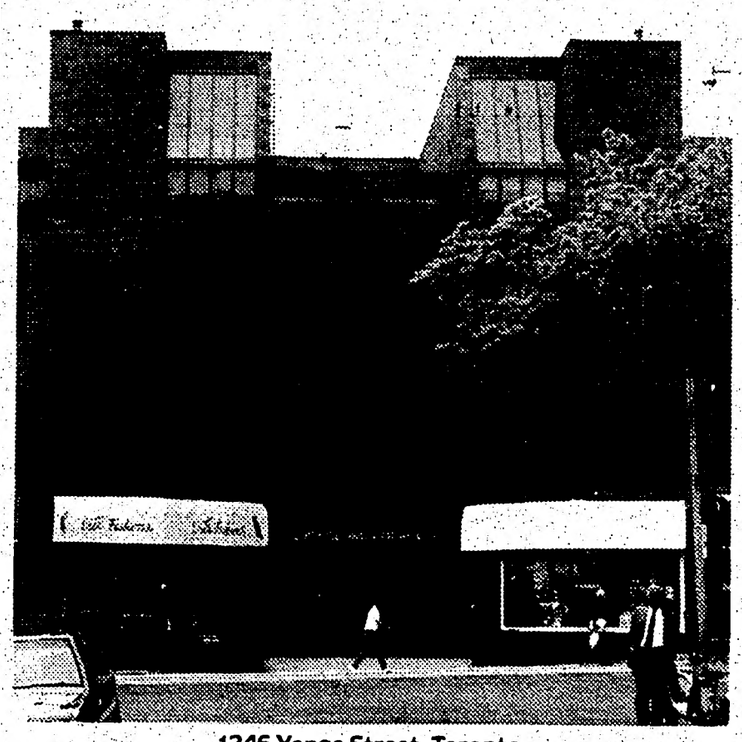
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BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — ACT FAST!
Terrific 4 bdrm., lg. fam. rm., ceramics, mn. flr. laundry, appls., lg. lot, $224,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Quiet cres., fin. bsmnt., playroom, 4 bdrm., mn. flr. fam. rm., fenced garden, sauna, near parks. Robin Korman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-YORK HILL — SUPER STARTER!
Reduced! 3 bdrm., master ensuite, fin. bsmnt., dble. gar., $ in extras, quiet cres. $204,900. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

BATHURST-CHABAD GATE — VENDOR BOUGHT!
Reduced to sell! 4 bdrm., centre hall, mn. flr. laundry, fam., close to all amenities, try an offer! Ted Waxman, 731-7111.

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Gorgeous 4 bdrm., 4 bths., mn. flr. libr. & fam. rm., open concept, gourmet kitch., 60' lot, $498,900. Dillon Jones, 731-7111.

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$329K — Spacious & bright 2½ storey, 4 bedroom, on prime street North of St. Clair. Open concept main floor with powder room, fireplace & walkout. Enormous gray tone custom kitchen with large breakfast area with walkout to custom deck. Designer 5 pc. + 3 pc. ensuite. CAC, 2 car parking. Bruce Smith.

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$259K — Spacious 2 storey 3 bdrm. with newly renovated basement apt. Large principal rooms with f/p, & natural wood trim. Eat-in kitchen with w/o to mature garden. Coreen Morrison, 785-7019.

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Bayview-Hwy 7
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Bathurst/Eglinton - Heathdale Rd. - ravine. Centre Hall, 4 bdrm, 3 baths, sunroom, furnished, large garden; close to subway, schools, synagogues. Available Jan - July. $2,350 monthly. 416-787-2602, evenings.

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- **Courtland.** 2 bd & bths., firepl. Andi Reti, 731-7111.
- **7420 Bathurst.** 2 bd., corner. $184,900 Gerry Wener, 731-7111.
- **7440 Bathurst.** Lgst. 2 bd., balc. $198,900. Bella Beer, 731-7111.
- **7460 Bathurst.** May '88, 2 pkg. 1,400 sq. ft. M. James, 731-7111.
- **Conservatory.** 1,400 ft., 2 bd./bths. Ted Waxman, 731-7111.
- **Hilda Ave.** 3 bd., 2 bths., corner. Andy Reti, 731-7111.

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- **131 Torresdale.** 1 bd. + sunrm. 5 appls., ground flr. $995.
- **Yonge-Finch. Skyview.** Lg. 2 bd + sunrm., $1,395.
- **Bathurst-Steeles.** 3 bd., $1,250
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BENJAMIN PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Proceeds to Shaare Zedek

Kalmar honored by hotel industry

TORONTO —

George Kalmar, founder and president of the Constellation Hotel, was honored at a dinner recently by his family, staff and hotel industry colleagues in celebration of the hotel's 25th anniversary.

The dinner was eight months in the planning and the honoree was unaware of it until the week the invitations were mailed.

Guests were asked to make a donation for the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre's neonatology department, which has special meaning for Kalmar since both of his children were born prematurely and needed months of care before they were deemed fit to go home.

Paul Godfrey, publisher of the Toronto Sun and former Metro chairman, was the master of ceremonies. The current Metro chairman, Dennis Flynn, a long-time friend of Kalmar, told the more than 500 celebrants that his "respect for George Kalmar goes to such depth that it's impossible to explain it to you."

He presented Kalmar with a gold pen and urged him to "keep doing for the world what you have done for Etobicoke (the location of the hotel)."

In addition to building his huge hotel in Etobicoke, and bringing many jobs and tax benefits to the city, Kalmar has quietly supported local civic groups.

Morris Gross, also a long-time friend and Kalmar's attorney, related a number of vignettes about the hotelier, calling him a study in contrasts. "He can chew out an employee one day in the most colorful language and the next day move heaven and earth if that employee has a family problem," he said.

Kalmar knows the names of most of the hotel's 800 employees, Gross said, and while in the real estate business, prior to joining the hotel industry, "earned a level of trust that is rare in the business."

Calling Kalmar an Ayn Rand devotee, he urged him "to keep up the good fight for that rugged individualism of yours."

He cited the "happy link forged between the Kalmar family and the Shaare Zedek neonatology department. Both Michael and Erica were born in what would today be called a high risk unit. Anyone who has visited the fine centre (Shaare Zedek) comes back singing its praises."

During the dinner, videoed messages were shown from friends in Hungary, Brazil and Jerusalem. In addition, a short video was shown on the Shaare Zedek neonatology department and another giving the highlights of Kalmar's life, from his birth in Hungary, his experiences during the Holocaust, his arrival in Canada after World War II, penniless, proud and ambitious, through to his success in Montreal and Toronto.

Alex Grossman, chairman of the board of The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation, presented Kalmar with a mounted stone from the foundation of the medical centre and a certificate inducting him as a "gold founder" of the institution.

The hotel's staff was officially represented with presentations by executive chef Joseph Vonlanthen, Kalmar's executive assistant, Lola Weech-Gibbs and Jack Thompson, the longest-serving employee.

Rabbi David Monson, whom Godfrey introduced as "the people's rabbi," presented the invocation.

Kalmar's son, Michael, who is the hotel's general manager, and daughter, Erica Kalmar-Miller, gave their father a purple heart for putting up with them, as well as a prepaid trip to Israel to visit the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre which he has supported for many years but has never seen.

Godfrey called Kalmar a "man who builds bonds between people, between friends, employees, members of his family and business associates. George is a man who puts into this community much more than he takes out. He's the kind of man by whom Canada was built."

In response, Kalmar told of his children's births and the trauma that he went through both times. Each was tiny and had to be fed with an eyedropper. "As a parent all you could do was pray," he said. "You could see them struggling in the little glass cage and hear them crying."

He thanked everyone for coming and for helping a "hospital in a far-away city in a far-away land that is so close to so many people's hearts. You can be proud."

Michael Kalmar and Erica Kalmar-Miller make a presentation to their father George as dinner chairman Paul Godfrey looks on.

"Psychographics" aid store's marketing

TORONTO —

Shoppers at the recently opened new Simpsons store at the Fairview Mall are seeing a mix of merchandise items and services specifically suited to the area's consumers, says store manager Don Bucholz.

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Viewpoints story helps to locate lost relatives

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO — Grace Spiegelman says, "I was almost shocked out of my chair" when I came across the name Skotnicki in a fictionalized story titled "The Return" in the Viewpoints supplement of The Canadian Jewish News in May 1986.

The moving story tells of a survivor of the Holocaust, Renata Skotnicki, who returns to Warsaw on a business visit and by chance finds a girlhood friend who she believed was killed in the war.

"I was shocked because Skotnicki was my family's name and we tried to find out what had become of these relatives after the war, but the Red Cross and other sources could tell us nothing about them."

Spiegelman hoped that she could find out something about her mother's sister and her family, who they believed had perished in the war, from the writer of the story, Nadja Zajdman. "I hoped that some of my cousins had survived the horror and at last, even after more than 40 years, I could know what had become of them."

Spiegelman wrote a lengthy letter to Zajdman giving names, professions and any details she could remember about her mother's family. "Then one morning, my phone rang and the voice on the line said, 'This is Nadja Zajdman and I think we are cousins.' Then Nadja's mother Renata came on the line and we discovered that we are indeed cousins."

Interviewed in her Toronto apartment, Spiegelman commented on how incredible it was that, through a short story, "we should find each other, and more incredible, that this phone call should lead us to finding many more relatives in the Skotnicki family in Canada, the United States, Israel, Denmark, Italy, France and West Germany."

The only tie with the Skotnicki family that Grace had found previously was mentioned in a book titled, Their Brother's Keepers by Phillip Friedman, published in 1957. The book tells about Gentiles who helped Jews during the war. Grace's daughter Viviane, then a high school student, noticed the name of Dr. Mieczyslaw Skotnicki, a veterinarian and commander of the mixed partisan unit operating in the woods of Parczew.

The book noted that the unit fought many successful battles and Skotnicki, the leader and hero, was killed in one of the skirmishes. Very little additional information could be found on the family.

Spiegelman's parents had moved to London, England from Poland shortly before the turn of the century. It was there that Grace married her Canadian soldier husband Sam Spiegelman during World War II. Her youngest brother was a war hero who was injured in a bombing raid and died six months later at the age of 27.

Grace came to Canada in 1946 and she and her husband moved to Kirkland Lake where they were in the fresh produce business and she became active in the Northern Chapter of Hadassah. In 1965, they moved to Toronto with their three children.

Renata Skotnicki had come to Montreal alone after the war believing that she had lost all her Skotnicki family. She married a survivor, Adam Zajdman and together they built a household import-export business. Their son Michael is in residency at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, and their daughter Nadja is in the family business and a freelance writer.

Grace Spiegelman (left) with her newly found cousins Barbara and Francoise Kern from Paris, France.

When Grace and Renata met, Renata decided to renew her efforts to trace her family. "She told me she had lost heart, but meeting me had given her the courage to begin her search again," says Spiegelman.

The family tree began to expand as new clues led to more and more family ties. "My first cousin's daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Francois Kern, came to visit us for Passover, and my children David, Danny and Viviane and my grandchildren had a great time with them. And there was a family reunion in Paris this summer.

Grace says she is still trying to absorb it all. "We correspond now and there are plans to visit each other."

In an interview with Nadja Zajdman, the young writer said she wrote "The Return" as an assignment in her writing class on the topic of "identities." It was her first published story. "I seem to be writing about children of Holocaust survivors — the second generation," she notes.

Grace Spiegelman is a happy woman. Although she is unable to travel long distances for health reasons, she kvells when she thinks of her new and ever-growing circle of family.

"It makes me so happy to think that I read a story in The Canadian Jewish News that brought us together. It still seems like a miracle to me."

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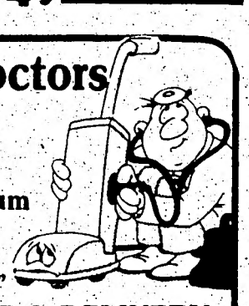
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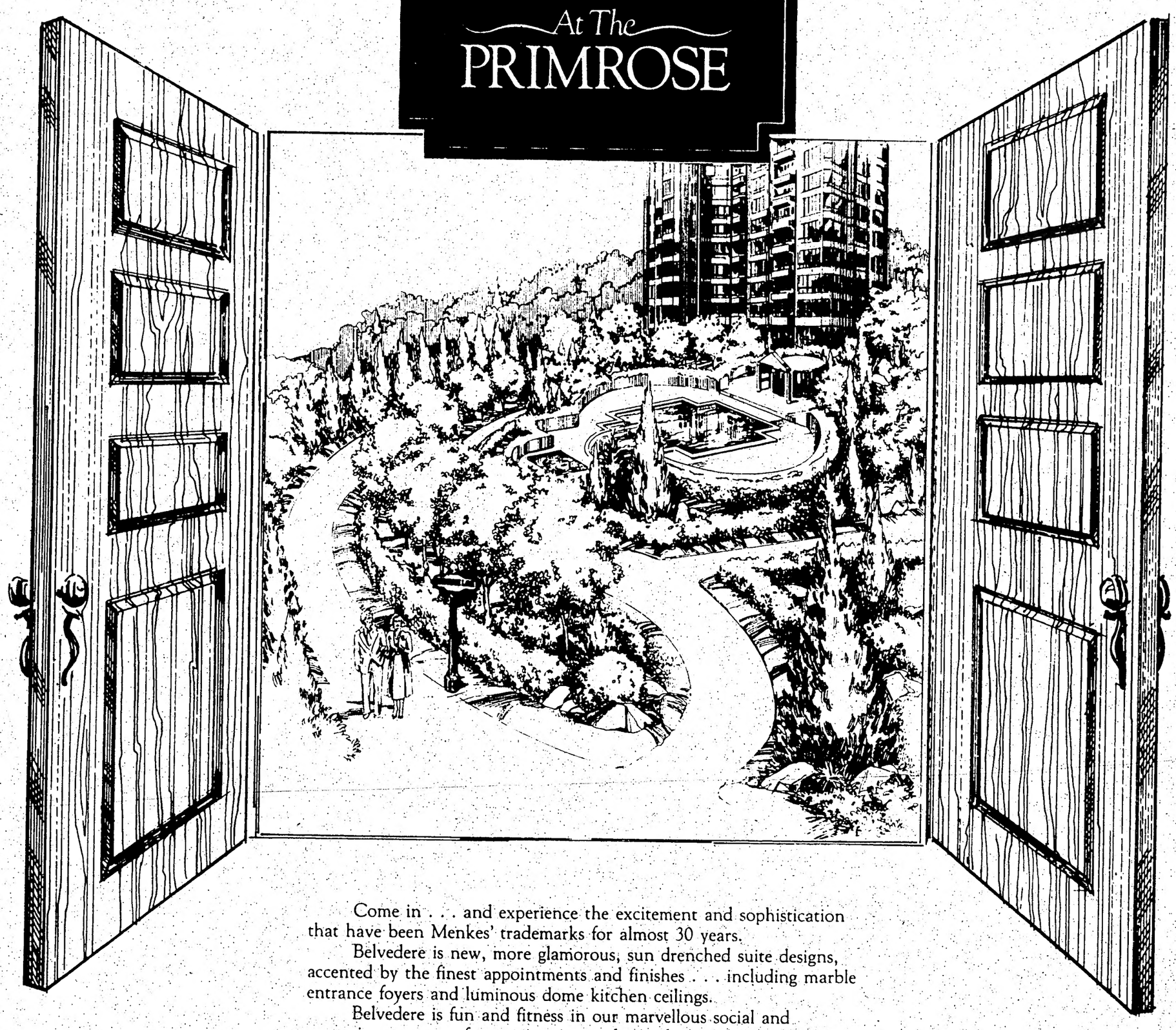

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